

You Are the Arrows of God

by C.H. Spurgeon

Christians are called to be equipped and sent out to extend the Redeemer's kingdom, contending for the faith and saving souls.

Scripture: Ephesians 6:11

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that Christians should view the church not as a place of rest but as a training ground for spiritual warfare. He likens believers to arrows in God's quiver, urging them to be actively engaged in spreading the Gospel and fighting against spiritual adversaries. Spurgeon calls for Christians to break free from complacency and to be used by God as instruments of His will, actively seeking to extend the Redeemer's kingdom. He encourages each believer to recognize their calling and to contend earnestly for the faith, aiming to save souls from destruction. The sermon serves as a rallying cry for Christians to step into their roles as warriors for Christ.

Transcript

...Christian men nowadays, while they should be attached to the church to which they belong, and the more intense that attachment the better for a thousand reasons, yet they should not regard the church as being a peaceful dormitory where they are all to sleep, but a common barracks where they are all to be trained, and out of which they are to issue and carry on the sacred crusade for Christ. We are not to be frozen together with the compactness of a mass of ice, through mere agreement of creed, but welded together like bars of iron by the fire of a common purpose and a common zeal. If we are what we should be, we shall be continually breaking forth on the right hand and on the left; each man, each woman, according to the calling that God has given to us, we shall be seeking to extend the Redeemer's kingdom in all directions.

My dear brethren, ye are arrows in the quiver, how gladly would I see you shot forth upon the enemy from the bow of the Lord. Many of you are as battleaxes and weapons of war hanging on the wall. O that you may be taken down and used of the Lord in his glorious fight. Lo, on the walls of Zion hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men; but the great need of the age is that these weapons be removed from their resting and rusting, and carried into the thick of the fray. May the Lord send you forth, O ye who have been saved under my ministry! May he hurl you forth with power divine, like a mighty hail against his adversaries. May each man among you be eager to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the

saints and to save souls from going down into the pit. Here, then, is your permanent vocation, try to realize it.

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