

A Very Present Help

by Charles E. Cowman

God is a very present help in trouble, and we can be sure of His presence even when we feel His absence.

Scripture: Psalm 23:4, Psalm 46:1, Isaiah 43:2, Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5

Topics: "Gods Presence", "Faithfulness Of God"

Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches about the presence of God in times of trouble, emphasizing that even when we cannot see Him, He is with us in the midst of our trials. He encourages believers to rely on faith in God's faithfulness rather than feelings, and to communicate with Jesus as if He is physically present, knowing that He is watching over us. Cowman reminds us that God is as near to us in our darkest moments as He is in times of joy and light.

Transcript

"Why standest thou afar off, O Lord?" (Psalm 10:1.)

God is "a very present help in trouble." But He permits trouble to pursue us, as though He were indifferent to its overwhelming pressure, that we may be brought to the end of ourselves, and led to discover the treasure of darkness, the unmeasurable gains of tribulation. We may be sure that He who permits the suffering is with us in it. It may be that we shall see Him only when the trial is passing; but we must dare to believe that He never leaves the crucible. Our eyes are holden; and we cannot behold Him whom our soul loveth. It is dark--the bandages blind us so that we cannot see the form of our High Priest; but He is there, deeply touched. Let us not rely on feeling, but on faith in His unswerving fidelity; and though we see Him not, let us talk to Him. Directly we begin to speak to Jesus, as being literally present, though His presence is veiled, there comes an answering voice which shows that He is in the shadow, keeping watch upon His own. Your Father is as near when you journey through the dark tunnel as when under the open heaven!
--Daily Devotional Commentary

"What though the path be all unknown?

What though the way be drear?

Its shades I traverse not alone

When steps of Thine are near."

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