

Desperate Days

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Faith is the key to overcoming desperate days, and it is better to have desperation than to give up in despair.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:12, Daniel 3:17, Matthew 26:39, Mark 9:24, Acts 12:5, Romans 4:18, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Hebrews 11:6

Topics: "Faith And Trust", "Gods Intervention"

Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches on the importance of faith during desperate days, emphasizing that faith is essential to please God and that it sustains and solves desperate situations. Desperation, seen throughout the Bible, often becomes the platform for God's miraculous interventions and man's growth in wisdom. The sermon highlights various biblical accounts, such as the Old Testament deliverances, the faith of the three Hebrew children facing the fiery furnace, and Jesus' desperate moments in Gethsemane, showcasing how faith triumphs over despair.

Transcript

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6).

The faith for desperate days.

The Bible is full of such days. Its record is made up of them, its songs are inspired by them, its prophecy is concerned with them, and its revelation has come through them.

The desperate days are the stepping-stones in the path of light. They seem to have been God's opportunity and man's school of wisdom.

There is a story of an Old Testament love feast in Psalm 107, and in every story of deliverance the point of desperation gave God His chance. The "wit's end" of desperation was the beginning of God's power. Recall the promise of seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sands of the sea, to a couple as good as dead. Read again the story of the Red Sea and its deliverance, and of Jordan with its ark standing mid-stream. Study once more the prayers of Asa, Jehoshaphat, and Hezekiah, when they were sore pressed and knew not what to do. Go over the history of Nehemiah, Daniel, Hosea, and Habakkuk. Stand with awe in the darkness of Gethsemane, and linger by the grave in Joseph's garden through those terrible days. Call the witnesses of the early Church, and ask the apostles the story of their desperate

days.

Desperation is better than despair.

Faith did not make our desperate days. Its work is to sustain and solve them. The only alternative to a desperate faith is despair, and faith holds on and prevails.

There is no more heroic example of desperate faith than that of the three Hebrew children. The situation was desperate, but they answered bravely, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning, fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." I like that, "but if not !"

I have only space to mention Gethsemane. Ponder deeply its "Nevertheless." "If it is possible...nevertheless!" Deep darkness had settled upon the soul of our Lord. Trust meant anguish unto blood and darkness to the descent of hell--Nevertheless! Nevertheless!!

Now get your hymn book and sing your favorite hymn of desperate faith. --Rev. S. Chadwick

"When obstacles and trials seem

Like prison walls to be,

I do the little I can do

And leave the rest to Thee.

"And when there seems no chance, no change,

From grief can set me free,

Hope finds its strength in helplessness,

And calmly waits for Thee."

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