

Himself

by Charles E. Cowman

The sermon emphasizes the journey of surrendering to God and finding true joy and solace in His presence amidst life's challenges.

Scripture: Exodus 19:4

Topics: "Full Surrender", "God Himself"

Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches about the journey of being brought into a large place by God, symbolizing His infinite being where all life converges. Through humility and surrender, like David, we are led to God Himself, the ultimate destination. Just as the Israelites were carried on eagle's wings to God, we are called to full surrender, even in times of sorrow, disappointment, and loss, as God draws us closer to Himself, where true bliss is found.

Transcript

"He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me; because he delighted in me" (Ps. 18:19).

And what is this "large place"? What can it be but God Himself, that infinite Being in whom all other beings and all other streams of life terminate? God is a large place indeed. And it was through humiliation, through abasement, through nothingness that David was brought into it.--Madame Guyon

"I bare you on eagle's wings, and brought you unto myself" (Exod. 19:4).

Fearing to launch on "full surrender's" tide,

I asked the Lord where would its waters glide

My little bark, "To troubled seas I dread?"

"Unto Myself," He said.

Weeping beside an open grave I stood,

In bitterness of soul I cried to God:

"Where leads this path of sorrow that I tread?"

"Unto Myself," He said.

Striving for souls, I loved the work too well;

Then disappointments came; I could not tell

The reason, till He said, "I am thine all;

Unto Myself I call."

Watching my heroes--those I loved the best--

I saw them fail; they could not stand the test,

Even by this the Lord, through tears not few,

Unto Himself me drew.

Unto Himself! No earthly tongue can tell

The bliss I find, since in His heart I dwell;

The things that charmed me once seem all as naught;

Unto Himself I'm brought.

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