

Open the Trenches

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Faith is about trusting in God's power and goodness, even when we don't see the outcome, and obeying His commands to experience spiritual blessings.

Scripture: Exodus 14:13, 2 Kings 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:1, James 1:6

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

Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches on the miraculous provision of water in the valley as a demonstration of God's power and faithfulness, emphasizing that nothing is impossible for God, even when it seems unlikely to human understanding. He highlights the importance of faith that does not rely on outward signs or sensational manifestations but trusts in God's quiet and miraculous workings. The sermon encourages believers to open themselves to unexpected blessings from God, to act in faith without needing to see visible signs, and to obey God without questioning, knowing that He can work in supernatural ways.

Transcript

"Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hands" (2 Kings 3:16-18).

To human thinking it was simply impossible, but nothing is hard for God.

Without a sound or sign, from sources invisible and apparently impossible, the floods came stealing in all night long; and when the morning dawned, those ditches were flooded with the crystal waters, and reflecting the rays of the morning sun from the red hills of Edom.

Our unbelief is always wanting some outward sign. The religion of many is largely sensational, and they are not satisfied of its genuineness without manifestations, etc.; but the greatest triumph of faith is to be still and know that He is God.

The great victory of faith is to stand before some impassable Red Sea, and hear the Master say, "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord," and "Go forward!" As we step out without any sign or sound--not a wave-splash--and wetting our very feet as we take the first step into its waters, still marching on we shall see the sea divide and the pathway open through the very midst of the waters.

If we have seen the miraculous workings of God in some marvelous case of healing or some extraordinary providential deliverance, I am sure the thing that has impressed us most has been the quietness with which it was all done, the absence of everything spectacular and sensational, and the utter sense of nothingness which came to us as we stood in the presence of this mighty God and felt how easy, it was for Him to do it all without the faintest effort on His part or the slightest help on ours.

It is not the part of faith to question, but to obey. The ditches were made, and the water came pouring in from some supernatural source. What a lesson for our faith!

Are you craving a spiritual blessing? Open the trenches, and God will fill them. And this, too, in the most unexpected places and in the most unexpected ways.

Oh, for that faith that can act by faith and not by sight, and expect God to work although we see no wind or rain. --A. B. Simpson

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