

Resurrection Hope

by Charles E. Cowman

The sermon conveys the profound hope of resurrection for believers, highlighting the quiet and glorious awakening to eternal life in Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 30:5, Isaiah 26:19, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 22:20

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Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches about the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ, emphasizing the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the catching up of believers to meet the Lord in the air. He beautifully illustrates how Christ's body, the Church, will arise like Him, in the quietness of the early morning, while the world is still in darkness. The saints will be awakened gently by their Savior, leaving behind the darkness and grave to embrace the glorious light and joy of being in His presence.

Transcript

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16-17).

It was "very early in the morning" while "it was yet dark," that Jesus rose from the dead. Not the sun, but only the morning-star shone upon His opening tomb. The shadows had not fled, the citizens of Jerusalem had not awaked. It was still night--the hour of sleep and darkness, when He arose. Nor did his rising break the slumbers of the city. So shall it be "very early in the morning while it is yet dark," and when nought but the morning-star is shining, that Christ's body, the Church, shall arise. Like Him, His saints shall awake when the children of the night and darkness are still sleeping their sleep of death. In their arising they disturb no one. The world hears not the voice that summons them. As Jesus laid them quietly to rest, each in his own still tomb, like children in the arms of their mother; so, as quietly, as gently, shall He awake them when the hour arrives. To them come the quickening words, "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust" (Isa. 26:19). Into their tomb the earliest ray of glory finds its way. They drink in the first gleams of morning, while as yet the eastern clouds give but the faintest signs of the uprising. Its genial fragrance, its soothing stillness, its bracing freshness, its sweet loneliness, its quiet purity, all so solemn and yet so full of hope, these are theirs.

Oh, the contrast between these things and the dark night through which they have passed! Oh, the contrast between these things and the grave from which they have sprung! And as they shake off the encumbering turf, flinging mortality aside, and rising, in glorified bodies, to meet their Lord in the air, they are lighted and guided upward, along the untrodden pathway, by the beams of that Star of the morning, which, like the Star of Bethlehem, conducts them to the presence of the King. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." --Horatius Bonar

"While the hosts cry Hosanna, from heaven descending,

With glorified saints and the angels attending,

With grace on His brow, like, a halo of glory,

Will Jesus receive His own."

"Even so, come quickly."

A soldier said, "When I die do not sound taps over my grave, but reveillé, the morning call, the summons to rise."

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