

# We Need Minor Keys Too

by Charles E. Cowman

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of gratitude and the role of life's challenges in creating a harmonious existence with God's guidance.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:1, Proverbs 3:5, Romans 8:28, Ephesians 5:20, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Topics:** "Thankful Living", "Gods Sovereignty"

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## Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches on the importance of giving thanks to God always for all things, emphasizing that even in the midst of evil or difficulties, God can bring blessings and harmony out of them if we allow Him to work in our lives. He compares the challenges we face to black dots and spots, highlighting that God can turn them into a glorious harmony if we let Him adjust and work through them. Just as a musician needs to touch both the black and white keys on an organ to bring out sweet music, we must allow God to work through all aspects of our lives to reveal His grandeur.

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## Transcript

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God" (Eph. 5:20).

No matter what the source of the evil, if you are in God and surrounded by Him as by an atmosphere, all evil has to pass through Him before it comes to you. Therefore you can thank God for everything that comes, not for the sin of it, but for what God will bring out of it and through it. May God make our lives thanksgiving and perpetual praise, then He will make everything a blessing.

We once saw a man draw some black dots. We looked and could make nothing of them but an irregular assemblage of black dots. Then he drew a few lines, put in a few rests, then a clef at the beginning, and we saw these black dots were musical notes. On sounding them we were singing,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below."

There are many black dots and black spots in our lives, and we cannot understand why they are there or why God permitted them to come. But if we let God come into our lives, and adjust the dots in the proper way, and draw the lines He wants, and separate this from that, and put in the rests at the proper places; out of the black dots and spots in our lives He will make a glorious harmony. Let us not hinder Him in this glorious work! --C. H. P.

"Would we know that the major chords were sweet,

If there were no minor key?

Would the painter's work be fair to our eyes,

Without shade on land or sea?

"Would we know the meaning of happiness,

Would we feel that the day was bright,

If we'd never known what it was to grieve,

Nor gazed on the dark of night?"

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties. --C. H. Spurgeon

When the musician presses the black keys on the great organ, the music is as sweet as when he touches the white ones, but to get the capacity of the instrument he must touch them all. --Selected

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