

The Blind Child

by D.L. Moody

The sermon emphasizes the importance of spiritual sight over physical sight, and the calamity of losing one's soul.

Scripture: Proverbs 4:19, Isaiah 42:7, Matthew 16:26, Mark 8:36, Luke 19:10, John 9:39, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 1:18, 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 3:17-18

Topics: "Spiritual Blindness", "Value of the Soul"

Description

D.L. Moody shares a poignant story of a mother whose child is declared blind, illustrating the deep sorrow and anguish that accompanies such a loss. He emphasizes that while physical blindness is a tragic calamity, the loss of one's soul is far more devastating. Moody urges the audience to recognize the eternal significance of the soul, suggesting that one should prioritize spiritual sight over physical sight. The sermon calls for a deep reflection on the value of the soul and the importance of seeking spiritual awakening and salvation. Ultimately, he conveys that he would rather endure physical blindness than lose his soul.

Transcript

I was in an infirmary not long since, and a mother brought a little child in.

She said, "Doctor, my little child's eyes have not been opened for several days, and I would just like you to do something for them." The doctor got some ointment and put it first on one and then on the other, and just pulled them open. "Your child is blind," said the doctor; "perfectly blind; it will never see again." At first the mother couldn't take it in, but after a little she cast an appealing look upon that physician, and in a voice full of emotion, said, "Doctor, you don't mean to say that my child will never see again?" "Yes," replied the doctor; "your child has lost its sight, and will never see again." And that mother just gave a scream, and drew that child to her bosom. "O my darling child," sobbed the woman; "are you never to see the mother that gave you birth; never to see the world again?" I could not keep back the tears when I saw the terrible agony of that woman when she realized the misfortune that had come upon her child.

That was a terrible calamity, to grope in total darkness through this world; never to look upon the bright sky, the green fields; never to see the faces of loved ones; but what was it in comparison to the loss of a soul? I would rather have my eyes plucked out of my head, and go down to my grave in total blindness than lose my soul.

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