

As the Light of the Morning When the Sun Riseth,

by F.B. Meyer

The sermon explores the symbolism of morning light and clouds in human life, highlighting the transformative power of God's love and comfort.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:4, Psalm 30:5, Isaiah 60:1

Topics: "God's Love", "Trials and Growth"

Description

F.B. Meyer illustrates God's dealings with humanity through the metaphor of morning light and the growth of grass after rain, emphasizing that both youth and age experience God's sunlight. He explains that clouds in life, representing troubles and challenges, are essential for appreciating God's comfort and love, which dawns gently upon our hearts. Meyer highlights that just as rain is necessary for growth, so too are the trials we face, leading to moments of joy and clarity. He encourages believers to recognize that after every storm, there is a promise of clear shining and renewal. Ultimately, he reassures that through God's love, we transition from darkness to light.

Transcript

As the light of the morning when the sun riseth,

a morning without clouds. 2 Sam. xxiii. 4.

THE dealings of God with man are compared to morning light, and the sprouting of tender grass in the sunshine that follows rain. The one may refer to youth, and the other to age. In each there is sunlight: in the one case it is before the clouds have gathered; in the other after they have dispersed.

Clouds. There are many different sorts: the cirrus, like platines in the sky; the cumulus, in heaps, like the summits of distant mountains; the strata, or long bars; the nimbus, heavy with shower. There is a counterpart for each in human life, without which we should miss much of those experiences of light and shade that so frequently reveal the nature of the light. We should not know God's comfort and very present help, if it were not for the clouds which are born in the marshlands of trouble. Who does not prefer the changeful beauty of an English spring to the unclouded blue of Italian skies?

The Light of the Morning. ‑‑ The love of God steals over hearts as the dawn. He is the Rock; but his advent breaks gently as light. So God's love came to Lydia, whose heart opened as a flower its petals. This makes it difficult for some of us to decide the moment of our regeneration; only we know that, once darkness, we are now light in the Lord.

Clear Shining after Rain. ‑‑ We all know something of cloud and rain. If we did not, our lives would be arid as a desert. Rain is necessary to fructify the seeds that lie buried in the soil but clear shining is needed too. Times of joy are needed equally as those of sorrow. The tender grass is the child of rain and sun. Hast thou had tears, thou shalt have smiles! Hast thou had clouds and rain, thou shalt have clear shining!

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