

Because I Bare Him With Sorrow.

by F.B. Meyer

The sermon emphasizes the importance of using our experiences of sorrow to bring about spiritual growth and to seek a deeper relationship with God.

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:9

Topics: "Divine Blessings", "Sorrow and Growth"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the profound impact of sorrow in shaping the gifts and inspirations of humanity, illustrating how the story of Jabez serves as a model for prayer and aspiration. He encourages believers to seek not only material blessings but also spiritual abundance, urging them to ask God for a broader influence in their lives for His glory. Meyer highlights the importance of divine support, likening God's assistance to a father's guidance, and stresses the necessity of seeking protection from evil through God's grace. Ultimately, he presents sorrow as a catalyst for growth and deeper faith.

Transcript

Because I bare him with sorrow. 1 Chron. iv. 9.

THE products of sorrow have been the rarest gifts to mankind. The books, hymns, discoveries, deeds, to which men and women have been urged by sorrow, or which have been born into the world amid heart-rending soul-travail, are those which will never be allowed to die, because perennial sources of inspiration and comfort. It was thus with the child of whom we have this brief record. We might becomingly weave the four petitions of the prayer of Jabez into the supplications of each new morning hour.

To be blessed indeed. Not the lower springs only, but the upper ones also; not life alone, but life more abundantly; not those blessings only which pertain to the body or worldly circumstance, but those spiritual ones of the heavenlies, that are the best donation man can receive or God bestow.

A larger coast. There is a godly ambition which may be reverently cherished for wider influence over men, not for its own sake, but for the Master's. You may feel that you have fulfilled the measure of your present possibilities, but have unexhausted powers and talents. Tell God so, and ask for a wider extent of territory to bring under cultivation for Him.

Thine hand with me. ‑‑ The father puts his hand on the boy's hand as he draws back the bowstring, strengthening the thin arms of youth. So will the mighty God of Jacob do for you.

Keep me from evil. ‑‑ You cannot keep your heart door shut when a tumult of temptation or care assaults it from without; but God's peace and grace, like angel sentries, can avail you. Though tempted, you may be kept in the temptation and delivered from the evil. Thus your spirit, and the Holy Spirit shall be ungrieved.

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