

I Cry Unto Thee, and Thou Dost

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God always hears our cries, even when it seems like He doesn't, and His response may not always be immediate but is always available.

Scripture: Job 30:20, Psalm 18:6, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 40:1, Isaiah 65:24, Lamentations 3:55-56, Matthew 15:27, Romans 8:28, Hebrews 4:15, 1 Peter 5:7

Topics: "Trusting in God's Timing", "God's Response to Suffering"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes that every cry from a suffering soul is heard by God, who is intimately aware of our pain and struggles. He compares God's responsiveness to a mother's sensitivity to her child's needs, assuring that even the lowest cries do not go unnoticed. Meyer reassures that God's answers may come in unexpected ways and at the right time, encouraging believers to remain hopeful and attentive to the ways God may be responding. He reminds us that sometimes the delay in answers is part of God's preparation for us to receive His gifts. Ultimately, we must trust that God is always listening and that our answers are on their way, even if we cannot see them yet.

Transcript

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not answer me. Job xxx. 20 (R.V.).

IT may have seemed so to the sufferer; but there is not a cry that goes from the anguished soul which does not ring a bell in the very heart of God, where the Man of Sorrows waits, touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

I have sometimes gone to a telephone office, and have rung the bell, asking to be put in connection with my friend, but it has seemed impossible to get at him; either he has been engaged or absent, and one has found oneself speaking to a stranger, and the voice which replied has been unfamiliar. Thoroughly disappointed, one turns away. But this is never the case with God. And the comfort is, that He is most quick to succour those whose cry is lowest. As a mother goes about her work, she is less sensitive to the trains that thunder past, and the heavy drays, and the laughter of boisterous health, than to the stifled cry of her little invalid; and if there could be one thing more sure than another of awakening God's immediate response, it would be such broken cries as pain elicited from Job.

But the answer will come ‑‑ nay, it is on its way, timed to arrive in the fourth watch of the night. Perhaps the delay is the answer, because the heart needs to be prepared to receive the great gift when it comes. Perhaps, like the Syrophenician woman, you have to give Christ his right place as Lord, and take yours amongst the dogs. Perhaps the answer is coming all the time by one door, whilst you are looking for it through another; but you cannot and must not say that God is not answering. All the time you are crying, the answer is to your hand, awaiting your appropriation. Go to the post‑office for the letter: hasten to the landing‑stage for the ship ‑‑ it is in.

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