

If There Be With Him a Messenger,

by F.B. Meyer

God's love seeks to hold us back from our purpose, and we need an interpreter, preferably the Holy Spirit, to understand His purpose and dealings.

Scripture: Job 33:23, Psalm 25:4-5, Psalm 119:18, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 30:21, Matthew 11:25, John 14:26, Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, James 1:5

Topics: "The Role of the Holy Spirit", "Divine Guidance"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the necessity of having a messenger or interpreter to understand God's dealings with humanity, particularly in times of pain and suffering. He explains that God, in His love, seeks to guide us away from destruction, but often we fail to grasp His intentions without help. The role of an interpreter, whether a friend, minister, or the Holy Spirit, is crucial in revealing the meaning behind God's actions and leading us to amend our ways. Meyer encourages believers to seek the Holy Spirit for understanding, as He is the ultimate guide through the complexities of faith and divine providence.

Transcript

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an interpreter. Job xxxiii. 23.

GOD is greater than man, and by his love seeks to hold man back from his purpose. Sometimes He comes in the visions of the night; sometimes in pain and sickness. But we are too dull to understand the inner reason of God's endeavours to deliver us from the brink of destruction; and therefore we need an interpreter, one among a thousand, to explain the meaning of his dealings, and to show us the way in which we should amend our ways. How often has the sick visitor, the minister, the friend, interpreted God's purpose, enabling us to see light in his light. There are few higher offices in this world than to act in this way between God and our fellows.

To perform this function, however, we need to understand two languages; the one of the throne, obtained from deep and intimate converse with our Father, while the other is man's native language of pain and sorrow. Each must be spoken perfectly before we can interpret: ‑‑

"And to the height of this great argument

Assert eternal Providence,

And justify the ways of God to man."

But, as Bunyan truly says, the best Interpreter is the Holy Spirit. As soon as the Pilgrim has passed the Wicket's gate, he is conducted through the Interpreter's house by the Interpreter Himself. Are you perplexed as to the meaning of God's Word, the dealings of God's providence, the mystery of God's moral government? Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you through chamber after chamber, unfolding to you the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. They are for babes & for the childlike and pure in heart. He will show you wondrous things out of his law.

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