

# The King and All the People Came Weary,

by F.B. Meyer

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*The sermon emphasizes the promise of rest and refreshment for weary souls in the presence of God and the shadow of the cross.*

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 16:14, Isaiah 32:2, Matthew 11:28

**Topics:** "Rest in God", "Overcoming Weariness"

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## Description

F.B. Meyer speaks about the profound weariness that often burdens our souls, stemming from our struggles, memories of past failures, and the harsh judgments of others. He emphasizes that while we may feel overwhelmed, God offers rest and refreshment through Christ, who understands our weariness. Meyer encourages believers to find solace in the presence of God, where burdens are lifted and true refreshment is found. He assures that there is always a source of comfort and support, even in the most challenging times, as God provides a refuge for the weary.

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## Transcript

The king and all the people came weary,

and refreshed themselves there. 2 Sam. xvi. 14.

A GREAT weariness falls often on our souls. We are wearied because of the greatness of our way, and inclined to say there is no hope. Memory tires us, perpetually casting up the record of past unfaithfulness and transgression. The bitter way of the natural consequences of sin is toilsome and difficult to the feet. We faint before the averted eye of former friends and the pitiless criticism of foes. Longings for a vanished past, for life and love, for purity and peace, grind heavily in the soul. Our King has known something of human weariness, though not from all the sources that cause it in his subjects.

But amid the presence of our weariness the voice of God may be heard saying, "This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest, and this is the refreshing." There is rest for weary souls beneath the shadow of the cross, in the sight of which the burden rolls away. There is rest and refreshment as we sit in the banqueting house of Christ's manifested and realized affection. There is refreshment as we eat of his flesh and drink of his blood; as we yield our will to his; as we sit with Him in heavenly places. We assuredly find Him to be "a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isa. xxxii. 2).

There is no hill Difficulty without its arbour; no desert without its oasis; no sultry heat without its shadow of a great rock; no weariness without its pillow ; no intolerable sorrow without its solace; no weariness without its refreshment; no failure of man without a very present help in God.

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