

The Men of Judah Clave Unto Their King.

by F.B. Meyer

The sermon emphasizes the importance of standing in unwavering loyalty and fidelity to Jesus, even in the face of adversity or temptation.

Scripture: Ruth 1:14, 2 Samuel 20:2, Job 13:15, Psalm 73:25, Matthew 10:38, Luke 9:23, John 15:4, Romans 8:35-39, Philippians 3:8, Hebrews 10:23

Topics: "Faith in Trials", "Loyalty to Christ"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the importance of steadfast loyalty to Jesus, drawing parallels between the men of Judah who clave unto their king and the biblical figures of Ruth and Naomi. He highlights that true faith is tested at critical junctures, where one must choose to cleave to Christ despite societal pressures, personal struggles, and feelings of abandonment. Meyer encourages believers to remain faithful even when faced with temptation or when God seems distant, illustrating that true love for Christ is demonstrated through unwavering commitment. The sermon calls for a deep, personal connection with Jesus that transcends circumstances and challenges.

Transcript

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WE are reminded of the exhortation of the good Barnabas, that with purpose of heart the converts of Antioch should cleave unto the Lord. This is the test of a true faith. We often come to the dividing of the paths. We stand on the watershed of the hills: that way leads back to Moab with its fascinations; this on to Canaan with its spiritual attractions. Orpah and Ruth must choose. Each is equally profuse in speeches and tears; but the ultimate test of love is whether they will stay or go. Which will cleave to the widowed Naomi? She is the truest lover; her fidelity will attest the fervour and strength of her affection. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, and returned to her people and her gods, while Ruth "clave unto her."

We must cleave to Jesus, in spite of the derision of the multitude. We must be prepared to stand with Him when He stands alone, or goes forth alone to die. We must be willing to stem the mighty tide of the world which has left Him and pours past us. Though all forsake Him, yet we must cleave.

We must cleave to Jesus, in spite of the rebellion of the flesh. Our whole nature may sometimes rise in insurrection, demanding some forbidden fruit. It is no child's play then for the lonely will to stand by itself in

unshaken fidelity and loyalty; but it must.

We must cleave to Jesus when He seems to rebuff us. Only those who can stand so sharp an ordeal, are exposed to it. But sometimes we are called to pass through it as Job, that angels may learn how Christ's lovers cling to Him, not for his gifts, but for Himself.

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