

They Clothed All That Were Naked,

by F.B. Meyer

The sermon encourages believers to show kindness to their enemies as a reflection of Christ's love and to transform hostility into friendship through acts of generosity.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 28:15, Matthew 5:44, Luke 10:33, Romans 12:20

Topics: "Forgiveness", "Generosity"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the transformative power of generosity and love, urging believers to respond to those who have wronged them with kindness rather than resentment. He highlights the biblical principle of feeding and caring for one's enemies, encouraging individuals to actively seek reconciliation and friendship instead of harboring bitterness. Meyer challenges listeners to perform acts of kindness towards those who have harmed them, suggesting that such actions can lead to personal transformation and divine assistance. By embodying Christ's love, believers can turn hostility into friendship and experience the beauty of salvation and a gentle spirit.

Transcript

They clothed all that were naked,

and gave them to eat and drink. 2 Chron. xxviii. 15.

A GREAT burst of generosity was here, for Israel had every reason to be incensed against Judah for the raid made on their territory. But, instead of pushing their advantage to the uttermost, they returned good for evil, and anticipated the words of the apostle, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

Have you in your life people who have done you injury, and against whom you entertain hard thoughts? You do not injure them in return, but you cannot pray for them. So far as you can, you avoid them; you make no attempt to overcome the evil that is in them. But to act thus is to come short of Christ's standard. It is your duty, not merely to keep at a distance and give a wide berth, but by love to destroy the evil, to transform the enemy into a friend, and to create love and friendship where hostility and alienation had reigned. It is God's way, and in this we are bidden to be perfect, as our Heavenly Father is perfect.

Will you try it? Will you begin by doing kind acts to those who have harmed you? Not because as yet you feel as you would, but because it is right. Then as you dig the trench in right doing, look up to God, and He

will pour into your heart the warm gush of affection. If you sincerely will his will in this matter, and act as the Good Samaritan did to the Jew, and exercise faith, God will come to your aid whilst you clothe others and minister to them, you will find their hard heart melted, and yourselves clothed with the beautiful garments of salvation, and of a meek and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is of great price.

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