

Thy Gentleness Hath Made Me Great.

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The sermon emphasizes the profound impact of God's gentleness in transforming our lives and relationships.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 22:36, Psalm 103:8, Proverbs 15:1, Matthew 11:29, 2 Corinthians 10:1, Galatians 6:1, Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:12, James 3:17, 1 Peter 3:15

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the transformative power of God's gentleness in our lives, illustrating how His gentle goodness shapes our character and leads us to greatness. He reflects on the Apostle Paul's approach to the Corinthians, advocating for gentleness over severity in addressing sin, as it fosters growth and healing. Meyer draws parallels between divine gentleness and the nurturing love of a mother or a devoted partner, highlighting that true strength lies in tenderness. He reminds us that God's unwavering love and patience, even in correction, is a testament to the greatness that gentleness can achieve in our hearts.

Transcript

Thy gentleness hath made me great. 2 Sam. xxii. 36.

THE triumph of God's gentle goodness will be our song for ever. In those far distant ages, when we look back on our earthly course, as a grown man on his boyhood, and when the words of this Psalm shall express our glad emotions, we shall recognise that the Hand which brought us thither was as gentle as our mother's; and that the things we craved, but faileth to receive, were withheld by his gentle goodness. Our history tells what gentleness will do.

The Apostle besought the Corinthian converts by the gentleness of Christ (2 Cor. x. 1). Though there were abuses amongst them that seemed to call for stringent dealing, he felt that they could be best removed by the gentle love which he had learned from the heart of Christ. The wisdom which is from above is gentle as well as pure; and in dealing with the sin that chokes our growth, it is probable that gentleness will do more than severity. The gentleness of the nurse that cherishes her children; of the lover to her whom he cherishes above himself; of the infinite love which bears and endures to the uttermost; is the furnace before which the foul ingredients of our hearts are driven never to return. We might brave the lion; we are vanquished by the Lamb. We could withstand the scathing look of scorn; but when the gentle Lord casts on us the look of ineffable tenderness, we go out to weep bitterly.

That He has borne with us so lovingly; that He has filled our lives with mercy even when compelled to correct; that He has never altered in his tender behaviour towards us; that He has returned our rebuffs and slights with meekness and forbearance; that He has never wearied of us ‑‑ this is an everlasting tribute to the gentleness that makes great.

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