

Epistle 310

by George Fox

The sermon emphasizes the importance of giving thanks to the Lord in everything, as it is the will of God in Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 118:1, Psalm 119:62, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 1 Timothy 4:4

Topics: "God's Will", "Thankfulness"

Description

George Fox emphasizes the importance of giving thanks to the Lord in all circumstances, citing 1 Thessalonians 5:18 as a directive from God. He explains that gratitude is essential to fulfilling God's will and that everything created by God is good when received with thanksgiving, as stated in 1 Timothy 4:4. Fox also references David's commitment to thankfulness, highlighting that God's mercy is everlasting and deserving of our praise. Ultimately, he calls for a heart of gratitude towards God for His creation and righteousness through Jesus Christ.

Transcript

Friends,--In every thing give thanks to the Lord; for from him every good thing you do receive; for the apostle saith, 1 Thess. v. 18. 'In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you [1 Th 5:18];' and they that do not obey this doctrine, do not do the will of God in Christ Jesus. And the apostle saith, 'Every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving [1 Tim 4:4],' &c. 1 Tim. iv. 4. And David saith, 'At midnight I will rise to give thee thanks, because of thy righteous judgments [Psa 119:62].' Psalm cxix. 62. And David saith, 'O give thanks unto the Lord, for it is good, because his mercy endureth for ever [Psa 118:1].' Psalm cxviii. 1.

So the Lord is worthy of all the thanks and praises, through Jesus Christ, who created all by Jesus Christ, to his glory and honour for evermore.

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