

Jordan (I)

by George Herbert

The sermon emphasizes the importance of sincerity and honesty in expressing one's faith and love for God.

Scripture: Proverbs 15:2

Topics: "Worship And Praise", "Sincerity In Faith"

Description

George Herbert emphasizes the importance of sincerity and truth in worship and poetry, questioning the need for elaborate fictions and false beauty. He highlights the essence of genuine verses that serve their purpose without unnecessary adornments, drawing parallels to the simplicity and honesty of shepherds singing. Herbert expresses contentment in praising God directly without the need for extravagant metaphors or artificial embellishments.

Transcript

Who says that fictions only and false hair

Become a verse? Is there in truth no beauty?

Is all good structure in a winding stair?

May no lines pass, except they do their duty

Not to a true, but painted chair?

Is it no verse, except enchanted groves

And sudden arbours shadow coarse-spun lines

Must purling streams refresh a lover's loves?

Must all be veil'd, while he that reads, divines,

Catching the sense at two removes?

Shepherds are honest people; let them sing:

Riddle who list, for me, and pull for Prime:

I envy no man's nightingale or spring;
Nor let them punish me with loss of rhyme,
Who plainly say, My God, My King.

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/george-herbert/jordan-i/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net