

I Have Need of Humility

by Ignatius of Antioch

The sermon emphasizes the importance of humility and meekness in the Christian life, and the need to cultivate these virtues in order to resist the devil and put God's will above one's own desires.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:31

Topics: "Christian Humility", "Spiritual Warfare"

Description

Ignatius of Antioch emphasizes the importance of measuring oneself and avoiding boasting, instead encouraging glorying in the Lord. He acknowledges the need to be fearful even when established in things of God, warning against being puffed up by vain commendations. Ignatius expresses a desire to suffer for the faith but recognizes the unseen envy and warfare of the wicked one, highlighting the necessity of meekness to overcome the devil, the prince of this world.

Transcript

But I measure myself, that I may not perish through boasting: but it is good to glory in the Lord. And even though I were established in things pertaining to God, yet then would it befit me to be the more fearful, and not give heed to those that vainly puff me up. For those that commend me scourge me.

[I do indeed desire to suffer], but I know not if I be worthy to do so. For the envy of the wicked one is not visible to many, but it wars against me. I therefore have need of meekness, by which the devil, the prince of this world, is brought to nought.

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