

July 3. 1678. the Tempestuous Voyage: Or the Treasure.

by Jane Lead

The sermon emphasizes the importance of faith and spiritual growth in navigating the tempestuous voyage of life, and encourages listeners to hold fast to the anchor of faith and access the treasure of eternal nature through a new creation.

Scripture: Psalm 62:8, Isaiah 40:31, Ephesians 6:12, 1 John 5:4, Revelation 3:21

Topics: "Spiritual Warfare", "Faith Triumphs"

Description

Jane Lead preaches about the struggles of the mind to rise above earthly distractions and the importance of faith in overcoming spiritual battles. She emphasizes the need to surrender to God and trust in the Father, Son, and Spirit to conquer all obstacles. Through deep contemplation and divine revelations, she encourages believers to escape the trappings of earthly sensibilities and anchor their faith in the eternal unity of God. Lead highlights the power of Christ's kingdom and the call for valiant spirits to oppose the adversary and usher in the New Jerusalem Bride.

Transcript

Much of this Night I spent in many Tossings and Turmoilings of my Mind, labouring to rise higher, than the low Sphear of sensible things, which now as a Cart with Sheaves, did lie heavy to press the Life of Faith down. Which heaved up to cast off all that weight, which did still strive against that flowing Steam; expostulating with my God, why so long proved and vexed with dead and frightful Ghosts, that I hoped had been so Buried, as never to have rose again. For such are all self-reasonings, which have been so often renounced by a sublimated Mind, who should ever move in Faith's Sphear, into which we have been instructed. But hereby I was made to know, that the Spirit of Faith was not grown so high, as to overturn the Seat of the Beast, that nothing more of his Name might remain for to afflict or exchange in the Rudimental World, which doth lie in all Evil. This was the matter of my contemplation, attended with this Word of consolation, saying, Faint not at the Day of the Lord's rebuke, who is first come to search and try the utmost ends of thy Earth, where the Grain of sense doth lie most deep, which cannot yield to Death. Which occasioneth this continued Agony, till the conquest be obtained by the Force and Powers of those three Worthys, who are not afraid to face, and encounter this whole World: Which was the Strength, I was directed to fly to Father, Son, and Spirit, who will go forth in one entire Body, Conquering and to Conquer, as we can hold fast, and Center in this Eternal Unity. Which must tread down the strength of all raging

Enemies. For the just One hath forewarned, and foretold a Time of shaking and an Hour of Temptation would come, where we might as in a Cloudy Night, be scattered from the sight of our Immanuel's tent. Upon which this Word was mightily pressed upon me, Be sure, that you in stress of Wind and Weather keep upon the broad Ocean, where Faith's Anchor may deeply fix, spreading out the Hands of the Spirit, swimming to save that choice Life, that is brought in perils of those Senses, that clasp about to plunge it, into the stifling Mud of the earthly Sensibility, where a thicket of unsavory Weeds do aptly spring.

From which the Word to me did come, Escape, escape, for the tender Birth-Life-sake from the earthly Matter, which will endanger the very Head and Fountain-spring, which Nature is to Clarifie, and with its deep Die to immortalize. Therefore I was commanded to Sacrifice all of that rude Matter, which would stop the swift and mighty Sail, of that sacred Vessel, which is primarily laden with Faith's treasury, to go forth in the weighty Sentences, which may turn all Words into Essential Powers. This is Wisdom's rich Merchandize, the Golden Bait of which, we have been so long nibbling at: but could never take that Fish, in whose Mouth the Silver piece is to be found, which at pleasure can multiply unto the 1000 Number, and so incorporate in One; as to know, how to deal with all strong Nations, that do make War to keep off the mighty reign of Jesus, in that which is to be his New Jerusalem Bride. For such is now the violent pursuit and implacable fury, that is set forth to over-cloud this rising-Sun, that is to appear in the Glory, Strength, and Majesty, of a present Kingdom. Which we see hath been hereby greatly withstood, but the most High doth begin to stir, and call forth the Valiant in Spirit, not only to oppose, and withstand this grand Adversary with all his Legions, but to crush his visible Head-Power, who hath sway'd over the whole Earth. And how is this to be? Not by Sound or Word only, that reveals, and giveth a Foundation-Hope of Christ's Kingdom: But by exerting and drawing out, and letting fly the Ghostly Breath of Life, that so the precious Spikenard may go out, as the Marrow, Strength, and Life from the fulness of the God-head to those, who have incorporated with Christ and his Spirit, of which we are now partakers. Therefore no doubt, but Marvellous things may be wrought, if we know the manner and method of its dispersive Power, how to drive it out from its own inward Contaction and Center, into which it retires.

Object. But oh how is it concealed from all knowledge? a Treasure that cannot be come at: It is hid from all living in Corporeal sense. Who, or what then is able to search this Golden Vein out, that may be the blessings of Generations?

In Answer to this, according to the revealing Word it was thus shewn me, That liberty to renew Eternal Nature, and thereby to recover the antient Patrimony, that doth belong to the Eternal Spirit, was now granted by vertue of God, manifested in Flesh: and therefore the Promise is to the Seed of God: Who are made subject in an humane Form of weakness, under Carnal Rudiments, in Bondage to Sin and Corruptible things. Now it is to be considered, where the Redemption out of all this must come. It is an infallible Truth, which is now by the Spirit made known, that the root and stem of Salvation riseth from within us, though as yet unserviceable to us. That ransoming Blood is a Fountain, that doth open it self, to give a new existency of Life, according to the seven Spirits that go forth in their several Properties, till they have finished the whole Mystery of the New Creation, and have wrought out the Captive exile out of all its hard Servitude, who hath so long served in Fear, Anguish, and Sorrow. The purchase-Penny, the acceptable Prize, that will do it most effectually, lieth very near, within the borders of Immanuel's Land, God with us. Therefore it was said by the Word of the Lord, Faint not under the present Chastisement. For the strength of Almightyness will be searched out of thy own Spiritual Womb. A Comforter and Deliverer shall arise. Therefore at what hath happened to trouble and disquiet, be not therewith perplexed or over charged. For the Fruit of all these persuing Evils, shall but hasten the Birth of that, which will restore the

Kingdom and Dominion. Therefore keep up thy hopes here, and do thou look but one way, even to that Stone, and Foundation Rock that will divide the Sea for thee. Fall thou not in with the Heathen Idols: But to thy own Fountain-Power retire. In ever case of distress and strait strongly knock: And steady in Faith to strike the Rock; from out of which all and every supply may come. And thou wilt know here along lieth thy true Medicinal cure, that will all of Sin's evil out-wear.

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