

Forgetting God

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In times of prosperity, we must pray for spiritual sight to avoid forgetting God and to behold the unseen through the seen.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17

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Description

John Henry Jowett preaches about the danger of forgetting the Lord in times of prosperity, using the analogy of a castle hidden by summer foliage to illustrate how material wealth can obscure our eternal treasure. He emphasizes the importance of maintaining transparency in our view of material blessings, allowing them to point us towards the unseen spiritual realities and our treasure in heaven, rather than becoming distractions that lead us away from God.

Transcript

DEUTERONOMY viii. 11-20.

"Beware ... lest when thou hast eaten and art full ... thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God." I was in a little cottage near Warwick. I said to the good man who lived in it, "Can you see the castle?" and he replied, "We can see it best in the winter when the leaves are off the trees. In the summer time it is apt to be hid!" The summer bounty hid the castle; the winter barrenness revealed it! And so it is in life. In the season of fulness we are prone to be blind to "the house of many mansions," and we forget the Master of the house, the Lord our God. Our material wealth hides our eternal treasure.

What, then, shall we do in the days of our prosperity, when all our trees are in full leaf? We must pray that material things may never become

opaque, that they may be always transparent, so that through the seen we may behold the unseen. This is a gift of the Spirit, and it may be ours. He will anoint our eyes with the eye-salve of grace, and everything will become to us a symbol of something better, so that even in the midst of material plenty our hearts will be with our treasure in heaven. Everything will be to us "as it were transparent glass."

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