

The Fire of Envy

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The sermon 'The Fire of Envy' teaches that envy is a deadly poison that can only be quenched by the mighty power of God, who transforms it into goodwill and brings order out of chaos.

Scripture: Proverbs 14:30, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Galatians 5:26, Philippians 2:3, James 3:16

Topics: "Destructive Envy", "Spiritual Transformation"

Description

John Henry Jowett delivers a powerful message on the destructive nature of envy, comparing it to a deadly potion that distorts our moral and spiritual senses, leading to confusion and chaos. Envy blinds us to truth, making us see disorder as order and misinterpreting everything around us. Only God has the power to extinguish the destructive fire of envy, transforming it into goodwill and replacing confusion with order and beauty.

Transcript

"_Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work!_"

--JAMES iii. 13-18.

In Milton's "Comus" we read of a certain potion which has the power to pervert all the senses of everyone who drinks it. Nothing is apprehended truly. Sight and hearing and taste are all disordered, and the victim is all unconscious of the confusion. The deadly draught is the minister of deceptive chaos.

And envy is like that potion when it is drunk by the spirit. It perverts every moral and spiritual sense. The envious is more fatally stricken than the blind. He gazes upon untruth and thinks it true. He looks upon confusion and thinks it order. Envy is colour-blind. It is like jealousy, of which it is a blood-relation. It never sees anything in its natural

hues. It misinterprets everything.

No one can quench the unholy fire of envy but the mighty God Himself. It

is like a prairie fire: once kindled it is beyond our power to stamp it

out. But God's coolness is more than a match for all our feverish heat.

His quenchings are transformations. He converts the perverted and changes

envy into goodwill. The bitter pool is made sweet. For confusion He gives

order, for ashes He gives beauty, and in the face of an old enemy we see

the countenance of a friend.

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