

The Unknown Journey

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Faith is the act of obeying God's immediate commandment without knowing the consequences, bringing serenity and peace to our lives.

Scripture: Psalm 32:8, Proverbs 3:5, Isaiah 30:21, Hebrews 11:8

Topics: "Faith And Trust", "Gods Guidance"

Description

John Henry Jowett emphasizes the story of Abram's journey as a powerful example of faith, highlighting how Abram stepped out without knowing his final destination, demonstrating obedience to God's will without full understanding of the consequences. Faith, as described, focuses on the present moment, trusting in God's guidance for the immediate step without worrying about the entire journey. This kind of faith brings serenity, preventing anxiety about the past or future, and instead, allowing believers to feel the comforting presence of God's guiding hand in the present.

Transcript

"_He went out not knowing whither he went._"

--HEBREWS xi. 6-10.

Abram began his journey without any knowledge of his ultimate destination.

He obeyed a noble impulse without any discernment of its consequences. He

took "one step," and he did not "ask to see the distant scene." And that

is faith, to do God's will here and now, quietly leaving the results to

Him. Faith is not concerned with the entire chain; its devoted attention

is fixed upon the immediate link. Faith is not knowledge of a moral

process; it is fidelity in a moral act. Faith leaves something to the

Lord; it obeys His immediate commandment and leaves to Him direction and

destiny.

And so faith is accompanied by serenity. "He that believeth shall not make haste"--or, more literally, "shall not get into a fuss." He shall not get into a panic, neither fetching fears from his yesterdays nor from his to-morrows. Concerning his yesterdays faith says, "Thou hast beset me behind." Concerning his to-morrows faith says, "Thou hast beset me before." Concerning his to-day faith says, "Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me." That is enough, just to feel the pressure of the guiding hand.

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