

Ebenezer

by John Newton

The sermon reflects on God's faithfulness and provision in the past year, expressing gratitude and repentance, and praying for God's blessing and favor in the next year.

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22

Topics: "Thankfulness", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

John Newton preaches about reflecting on the past year and giving thanks to the Lord for His continuous blessings, provision, and guidance despite the challenges and temptations faced. He emphasizes the importance of acknowledging our shortcomings, seeking forgiveness for our sins, and striving to live a life that brings glory to God in the upcoming year.

Transcript

The Lord, our salvation and light,
The guide of our strength and our days,
Has brought us together to-night,
A new Ebenezer to raise:
The year we have now passed through,
His goodness with blessings has crown'd,
Each morning his mercies were new;
Then let our thanksgivings abound.
Encompass'd with dangers and snares,
Temptations, and fears, and complaints,
His ear he inclin'd to our pray'rs,
His hand open'd wide to our wants.

We never besought him in vain;
When burden'd with sorrow or sin,
He help'd us again and again,
Or where before now had we been?
His Gospel, throughout the long year,
From Sabbath to Sabbath he gave;
How oft has he met with us here,
And shown himself mighty to save?
His candlestick has been remov'd
From churches once privileg'd thus;
But though we unworthy have prov'd,
It still is continu'd to us.
For so many mercies receiv'd,
Alas! what returns have we made?
His Spirit we often have griev'd,
And evil for good have repaid,
How well it becomes us to cry,
"Oh! who is a God like to thee?
Who passest iniquities by,
And plungest them deep in the sea!"
To Jesus., who sits on the throne,
Our best hallelujahs we bring;
To thee it is owing alone
That we are permitted to sing:
Assist us, we pray, to lament
The sins of the year that is past
And grant that the next may be spent

Far more to thy praise than the last.

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