

Beyond Your Faults

by Mary Wilder Tileston

The sermon encourages listeners to let go of anxious thoughts and self-love, and instead trust in God's presence and exercise perfect love.

Scripture: Psalm 37:8, Luke 7:47, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Ephesians 6:10, 2 Timothy 2:3

Topics: "Overcoming Sin", "Power Of Prayer"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the importance of not fretting or being anxious, as it leads to evil-doing. She encourages the congregation to focus on prayer instead of worrying, as God gives all to those who pray. Tileston reminds believers to love without ceasing, knowing that much will be forgiven through love. She urges them to fight like good soldiers, taking strength in God's grace when they fall, and to never give up the fight against sin and temptation.

Transcript

Fret not thyself, it tendeth only to evil-doing.

--PSALMS 37:8 (R. V.)

To anxious, prying thought,

And weary, fretting care,

The Highest yieldeth nought;

He giveth all to prayer.

--PAUL GERHARDT

DO not be disquieted about your faults. Love without ceasing, and much will be forgiven you, because you have loved much. Faults perceived in peace, in the spirit of love, are immediately consumed by love itself; but faults perceived in a pettish fit of self-love disturb peace, interrupt the presence of God, and the exercise of perfect love. Vexation at a fault is generally more of a fault than the fault itself.

--FRANCOIS DE LA MOTHE FÉNELON

Fight like a good soldier; and if thou sometimes fall through frailty, take again greater strength than before, trusting in my more abundant grace.

--THOMAS À KEMPIS

This alone is thy concern, to fight manfully, and never, however manifold thy wounds, to lay down thine arms, or to take to flight.

--LORENZO SCUPOLI

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