

Looking Up to Jesus

by Mary Wilder Tileston

Looking up to Jesus brings peace and comfort by trusting in His will and guidance in daily life.

Scripture: Psalm 37:4, Proverbs 3:6, Isaiah 60:1, John 15:11, Colossians 3:17

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston, through the words of Dora Greenwell and William Bright, emphasizes the importance of finding joy in Jesus by allowing Him to fill our hearts with His joy completely. She encourages offering each day, including its activities and leisure, to God, seeking His presence in every aspect of our lives. Tileston urges believers to align their thoughts, actions, and companionships with what would please the Lord, assuring that focusing on Jesus and His will brings unimaginable peace and comfort.

Transcript

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

JOHN 15:11

THOU bringest all again; with Thee

Is light, is space, is breadth and room

For each thing fair, beloved, and free,

To have its hour of life and bloom.

Each heart's deep instinct unconfessed;

Each lowly wish, each daring claim;

All, all that life hath long repressed,

Unfolds, undreading blight or blame.

DORA GREENWELL

LET us offer up to Him each day, and all its occupations, yes, and all its relaxations--as it begins, --and beg Him to let us somehow "see" Him throughout it. Let us trust Him with the hallowing of our ordinary "secular" interests, let us try to shape each day's life so as best to please Him. "Would our Lord like me to say this or to read that? Would He sanction this train of thought or of fancy? When I go with that companion, can I imagine His drawing near and walking beside us?" This habitual "looking up to Jesus," this repeated reference to His will and pleasure--does it seem to us likely to be oppressive, restrictive, burdensome? Let us only try it, and judge for ourselves: it will turn out to be a source of peace and comfort indescribable.

WILLIAM BRIGHT

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