

Wait! Your Wings Are Not Grown

by Mary Wilder Tileston

The sermon emphasizes the importance of patience and waiting on God for spiritual growth, rather than rushing forward with eagerness and unripe desires.

Scripture: Psalm 37:7, Isaiah 40:31, Lamentations 3:25, Philippians 4:6, James 1:4

Topics: "Spiritual Growth", "Patience And Trust"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston, preaching from Lamentations 3:25, emphasizes the goodness of the Lord for those who patiently wait and seek Him. She warns against being too hasty in spiritual growth, urging listeners to avoid restlessness and impatience in their journey towards God. Tileston encourages a gentle and steady approach, advising against excessive eagerness and the pursuit of desires that may hinder true resignation to God's will. She highlights the importance of quiet perseverance and contentment in the path set before them, trusting in God's timing for their spiritual growth.

Transcript

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

LAMENTATIONS 3:25

BE patient till your wings are grown. I fear very much that you are too vehement and headlong in your wishes and attempts to fly. You see the beauty of spiritual light and good resolutions; you fancy that you have almost attained, and your ardor is redoubled; you rush forward, but in vain, for your Master has chained you to your perch, or else it is that your wings are not grown; and this constant excitement exhausts your strength. You must indeed strive to fly, but gently, without growing eager or restless. You resign yourself, but it is always with a BUT; you want this and that, and you struggle to get it. A simple wish is no hindrance to resignation; but a palpitating heart, a flapping of wings, an agitated will, and endless, quick, restless movements are unquestionably caused by deficient resignation. Do you know what you must do? You must be willing not to fly, since your wings are not yet grown. Do not be so eager with your vain desires, do not even be eager in avoiding eagerness; go on quietly in your path--it is a good path.

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