

God's Only Gift

by Meister Eckhart

God's ultimate gift is Himself, and He gives us the gift of grace to prepare us for this ultimate gift.

Scripture: Psalm 51:10, Matthew 26:39, Philippians 2:13, James 1:17, 1 John 2:17

Topics: "Spiritual Perfection", "Gods Grace"

Description

Meister Eckhart preaches about God's ultimate gift of Himself, emphasizing that all other gifts from God are meant to prepare us to receive this greatest gift. He urges believers to seek God's mercy, overcome temptations, and align their will with God's will through earnest prayer and obedience to His commands. Eckhart assures that by God's grace, anyone can unite their will with God's will and experience His transformative power, leading to spiritual perfection and fulfillment.

Transcript

Yea, since God has never given any gift, in order that man might rest in the possession of the gift, but gives every gift that He has given in heaven and on earth, in order that He might be able to give one gift, which is Himself, so with this gift of grace, and with all His gifts He will make us ready for the one gift, which is Himself.

O almighty and merciful Creator and good Lord, be merciful to me for my poor sins, and help me that I may overcome all temptations and shameful lusts, and may be able to avoid utterly, in thought and deed, what Thou forbiddest, and give me grace to do and to hold all that Thou hast commanded. Help me to believe, to hope, and to love, and in every way to live as Thou willest, as much as Thou willest, and what Thou willest.

No man is so boorish or stupid or awkward, that he cannot, by God's grace, unite his will wholly and entirely with God's will. And nothing more is necessary than that he should say with earnest longing: O Lord, show me Thy dearest will, and strengthen me to do it. And God does it, as sure as He lives, and gives him grace in ever richer fulness, till he comes to perfection, as He gave to the woman at Jacob's well. Look you, the most ignorant and the lowest of you all can obtain this from God, before he leaves this church, yea, before I finish this sermon, as sure as God lives and I am a man.

Then is the will perfect, when it has gone out of itself, and is formed in the will of God. The more this is so, the more perfect and true is the will, and in such a will thou canst do all things.

Every gift of God makes the soul ready to receive a new gift, greater than itself

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