

Truth, or Consequences

by Miles J. Stanford

The sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting in God's unalterable truth, rather than relying on human experience or feelings.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:6

Topics: "Faith Alone", "Spiritual Freedom"

Description

Miles J. Stanford emphasizes the strength of young men in whom the Word of God dwells, highlighting the unchanging truth found in faith alone. He delves into the concept that God's actions towards us are solely based on His character, not on our own actions, leading to true freedom and liberty in our hearts. Stanford also discusses the distinction between the Spirit's work in revealing God's love and the transformation of our souls to reflect Christ's image, emphasizing the importance of trusting God's Word over our own feelings and experiences.

Transcript

"I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you" (1 John 2:14).

Experience may ratify, or it may repudiate, truth. The Word alone, to faith, is truth unalterable.

"If I allow the thought that what I am toward God will in some way or other affect what God is toward me, I shall be filled with the spectre of bondage. But when I see that what God is toward me is altogether the outcome of what He is, and that He is this though knowing perfectly what I am, it puts my heart in the right direction for liberty." -C.A.C.

"God speaks to us according to His estimate of our standing, our position: it may not be our heart's experience. There is a distinctness between the operation of the Spirit of God in bringing me unto the Lord Jesus, bearing witness to me of God's love, and of the efficacy of what Christ has done--and His operation in my soul to produce the image of His Son.

"That which is the subject of experience is what is produced in my soul, whereas that which gives me peace is His testimony to the work and life of Christ. A Christian who doubts the Father's love to him, and who looks for peace to that which passes in his own heart, is doubting God's truth. The Word is the revelation God has given of Himself; it displays the love of God toward us, and what is in His heart. I can

trust the declaration of what is in God's heart, and not what I think of myself." -J.N.D.

"If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine" (1 Timothy 4:6).

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