

Lxii. to Lady Boyd

by Samuel Rutherford

Samuel Rutherford's sermon emphasizes the need for repentance, the joy of answered prayers, and the importance of building one's life on Christ.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 30:11, Galatians 2:20, Philippians 4:7, Colossians 3:2

Topics: "Repentance", "Reformation"

Description

Samuel Rutherford preaches a message of hope and encouragement, expressing gratitude for God's deliverance and blessings amidst fears and challenges. He emphasizes the importance of repentance for the nation and the need for a true Reformation. Rutherford encourages a deep relationship with Christ, highlighting the concept of surrendering all to Him and finding true joy and peace in His presence.

Transcript

MADAM, -- I received your Ladyship's letter; but because I was still going through the country for the affairs of the church, I had no time an answer it.

I had never more cause to fear than I have now, when my Lord has restored me to my second created heaven on earth, and has turned my apprehended fears into joys, and great deliverance to His church, whereof I have my share and part. Alas! that weeping prayers, answered and sent back from heaven with joy, should not have laughing praises! Oh that this land would repent, and lay burdens of praises upon the top of the fair Mount Zion! Madam, except this land be humbled, a Reformation is rather my wonder than belief, at this time. But surely it must be a wonder, and what is done already is a wonder.

Your Ladyship is blessed with children who are honored to build up Christ's waste places again. I believe that your Ladyship will think them well bestowed on that work, and that Zion's beauty is your joy. This is a mark and evidence from heaven, which helpeth weak ones to hold their grip, when other marks fail them.

I hope that your Ladyship is at a good understanding with Christ, and that, as becometh a Christian, ye take Him up aright: for many mistake and misshape Christ in His comings and goings. Your wants and falls proclaim that ye have nothing of your own but what ye borrow; nay, yourself is not your own, but Christ has given Himself to you. Put Christ to the bank, and heaven shall be your interest and income. Love Him, for ye cannot over-love Him. Take up your house in Christ. Let Him dwell in you, and abide in Him; and then ye may look out of Christ, and laugh at the clay-heavens that the sons of men are seeking after on this side of the water. Christ mindeth to make your losses grace's great advantage. If I had known long since, as I do now (though still, alas! I am ignorant) what was in Christ, I would not have been so late in starting to the gate to seek Him. Oh what can I do or say to Him who has made the North render me back again! But when my faith was asleep, Christ was awake; and now, when I am awake, I say He did all things well. O infinite wisdom! O incomparable loving-kindnesses! Alas, that the heart I have is so little and worthless for such a Lord as Christ is!

I put all the favors which ye have bestowed on my brother upon Christ's score; in whose books are many such counts, and who will requite them. I wish you to be builder more and more upon the stone laid in Zion, and then ye shall be the more fit to have a hand in

rebuilding our Lord's fallen tabernacle in this land; in which ye shall
find great peace when ye come to grips with death, the king of terrors.
The God of peace be with your Ladyship, and keep you blameless till
the day of our Lord Jesus.

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