

Xi. to Lady Kenmure, When He Expected to Be Removed From Anwoth

by Samuel Rutherford

The speaker reflects on their impending removal from Anwoth and their desire to honor the Lord through suffering and obedience.

Scripture: Matthew 5:11, 2 Corinthians 12:10, Philippians 1:29, 1 Peter 4:19

Topics: "Suffering And Faith", "Christian Perseverance"

Description

Samuel Rutherford reflects on his impending suffering and the end of his labors in God's house, acknowledging his struggle to accept this new chapter. Despite facing criticism and being misunderstood, he chooses to forgive and commit his life to God, seeking to honor the Lord through his testimony. Rutherford expresses his willingness to embrace misery for the sake of Christ, refusing to shy away from challenges or seek an easy path in his faith, inspired by the example of his Savior who faced hardships head-on.

Transcript

MAIDAM, -- My humble obedience in the Lord remembered. Know it has pleased the Lord to let me see, by all appearance, that my labours in God's house here are at an end; and I must now learn to suffer, in the which I am a dull scholar. By a strange providence, some of my papers, anent the corruptions of this time, are come to the King's hand. I know, by the wise and well-affected I shall be censured as not wise nor circumspect enough; but it is ordinary, that that should be a part of the cross of those who suffer for Him. Yet I love and pardon the instrument; I would commit my life to him, howbeit by him this has befallen me. But I look higher than to him. I make no question of your

Ladyship's love and care to do what ye can for my help, and am persuaded that, in my adversities, your Ladyship will wish me well. I seek no other thing but that my Lord may be honored by me in giving a testimony. I was willing to do Him more service; but seeing He will have no more of my labours, and this land will thrust me out, I pray for grace to learn to be acquaint with misery, if I may give so rough a name to such a mark of those who shall be crowned with Christ. And howbeit I will possibly prove a faint-hearted, unwise man in that, yet I dare say I intend otherwise; and I desire not to go on the lee-side or sunny side of religion, or to put truth betwixt me and a storm: my Savior did not do so for me, who in His suffering took the windy side of the hill. No farther; but the Son of God be with you.

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