

Xxxi. to Ninian Mure, a Parishioner

by Samuel Rutherford

In this sermon, Samuel Rutherford urges a young parishioner to seek the Lord and follow the truth of God, warning against the dangers of worldly desires and the importance of faith in Christ for salvation.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12

Topics: "Faith And Salvation", "Repentance And Vigilance"

Description

Samuel Rutherford delivers a heartfelt message urging the listener, in the morning of their life, to seek the Lord and His face, warning against the dangers of youthful follies that can jeopardize the soul. Emphasizing the importance of keeping faith, truth, and walking with God, Rutherford encourages living a life aligned with Christ and salvation, rather than conforming to the ways of the world. He stresses the necessity of faith in Christ, repentance, and vigilance against sinful temptations to attain salvation and avoid the wrath of God.

Transcript

LOVING FRIEND, -- I received your letter. I entreat you now, in the morning of your life, to seek the Lord and His face. Beware of the follies of dangerous youth, a perilous time for your soul. Love not the world. Keep faith and truth with all men in your covenants and bargains. Walk with God, for He seeth you. Do nothing but that which ye may and would do if your eye-strings were breaking, and your breath growing cold. Ye heard the truth of God from me, my dear heart, follow it, and forsake it not. Prize Christ and salvation above all the world. To live after the guise and course of the rest of the world will not bring you to heaven; without faith in Christ, and repentance, ye cannot see God. Take pains for salvation; press forward toward the mark for

the prize of the high calling. If ye watch not against evils night and day, which beset you, ye will come behind. Beware of lying, swearing, uncleanness, and the rest of the works of the flesh; because 'for these things the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience'. How sweet soever they may seem for the present, yet the end of these courses is the eternal wrath of God, and utter darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Grace be with you.

Your loving pastor.

ABERDEEN, 1637

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