

On Opening a Place for Social Prayer

by William Cowper

The sermon emphasizes the importance of seeking God's presence in our lives through prayer and cultivating a humble and open heart.

Scripture: Psalm 145:18, Matthew 18:20, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Ephesians 3:20, James 4:8

Topics: "Prayer Life", "Divine Presence"

Description

William Cowper preaches about the omnipresence of Jesus, emphasizing that wherever His people gather to seek Him, He is present, sanctifying the place. He highlights the importance of inviting Jesus into our minds and hearts, allowing Him to dwell within us and accompany us wherever we go. Cowper calls upon Jesus, the Shepherd, to renew His mercies among His followers, inviting His saving presence into their midst to strengthen their faith and sweeten their burdens through prayer.

Transcript

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek thee thou art found,
And ev'ry place is hallow'd ground.
For thou, within no walls confin'd,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee, where they come,
And going, take thee to their home.
Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few!
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here, to our waiting hearts, proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of pray'r,
To strengthen faith, and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heav'n before our eyes.
Behold! At thy commanding word,
We stretch the curtain and the cord;
Come thou, and fill this wider space,
And help us with a large increase.
Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
Oh rend the heav'ns, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts thine own!

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