

Peace After a Storm

by William Cowper

The sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's love and constancy, and the need for humility and self-aborrence in spiritual growth.

Scripture: Psalm 27:1, Psalm 51:10, Hebrews 13:8, James 1:6, 1 John 1:9

Topics: "Faith And Doubt", "Gods Redemption"

Description

William Cowper's sermon reflects on the struggle of doubt and fear in the midst of darkness, but finding redemption and clarity in the presence of the Redeemer. He acknowledges the tendency of the heart to wander and harbor negative thoughts, yet emphasizes the unchanging love and faithfulness of God. Despite the challenges in maintaining faith, Cowper finds solace in the power of one look from the Lord to subdue disobedience and bring peace. He humbly recognizes his own shortcomings and praises God for His forgiveness and constant grace.

Transcript

1 When darkness long has veil'd my mind,

And smiling day once more appears;

Then, my Redeemer, then I find

The folly of my doubts and fears.

2 Straight I upbraid my wand'ring heart,

And blush that I should ever be

Thus prone to act so base a part,

Or harbour one hard thought of thee!

3 Oh ! let me then at length be taught

What I am still so slow to learn;

That God is love, and changes not,

Nor knows the shadow of a turn.

4 Sweet truth, and easy to repeat!

But when my faith is sharply try'd,

I find myself a learner yet,

Unskilful, weak, and apt to slide.

5 But, O my Lord, one look from thee

Subdues the disobedient will;

Drives doubt and discontent away,

And thy rebellious worm is still.

6 Thou art as ready to forgive,

As I am ready to repine;

Thou, therefore, all the praise receive;

Be shame and self-abhorrence mine.

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