

Self-Acquaintance

by William Cowper

This sermon emphasizes the need for self-acquaintance, recognizing our sinful hearts and seeking God's transformation and cleansing.

Scripture: Psalm 51:10, Romans 12:2, Ephesians 2:8, James 4:7, 1 John 1:9

Topics: "Inner Struggle", "Spiritual Transformation"

Description

William Cowper's sermon focuses on the internal struggles of a sinful heart, acknowledging the presence of anger, legalism, discontent, unbelief, and presumption within. The sermon highlights the conflict between worldly desires and the call of duty, emphasizing the need for cleansing in the Savior's blood and transformation by God's power to become a beloved dwelling place for the Lord.

Transcript

1. Dear Lord! accept a sinful heart,

Which of itself complains,

And mourns, with much and frequent smart,

The evil it contains.

2 There fiery seeds of anger lurk,

Which often hurt my frame;

And wait but for the tempter's work,

To fan them to a flame.

3 Legality holds out a bribe

To purchase life from thee;

And discontent would fain prescribe

How thou shalt deal with me.

4 While unbelief withstands thy grace,
And puts the mercy by;
Presumption, with a brow of brass,
Says, "Give me, or I die."

5 How eager are my thoughts to roam
In quest of what they love!
But, ah! when duty calls them home,
How heavily they move!

6 Oh, cleanse me in a Saviour's blood,
Transform me by thy pow'r,
And make me thy belov'd abode,
And let me rove no more.

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