

God Is Always Ready

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God is always ready to bring man to Himself, but we must be willing to follow His course and separate ourselves from worldly things.

Scripture: Psalm 145:18, Matthew 11:28, John 14:23, Galatians 5:1, James 4:8

Topics: "Drawing Near", "Spiritual Freedom"

Description

W.R. Inge emphasizes that although coming to God may seem difficult and challenging at first, once a person commits to the journey, life becomes lighter, happier, and more desirable. God eagerly desires to be with us and lead us closer to Him if we are willing to follow. Despite our unpreparedness, God is always ready and near, waiting for us to draw near to Him. The prophet's words highlight the path to true freedom of the spirit, becoming one with God. Inge prays for God's help as we strive to follow this path and be brought closer to Him.

Transcript

NO one ought to think that it is difficult to come to Him, though it sounds difficult and is really difficult at the beginning, and in separating oneself from and dying to all things. But when a man has once entered upon it, no life is lighter or happier or more desirable; for God is very zealous to be at all times with man, and teaches him that He will bring him to Himself if man will but follow. Man never desires anything so earnestly as God desires to bring a man to Himself, that he may know Him.

God is always ready, but we are very unready; God is near to us, but we are far from Him; God is within, but we are without; God is at home, but we are strangers.

The prophet saith: God guideth the redeemed through a narrow way into the broad road, so that they come into the wide and broad place; that is to say, into true freedom of the spirit, when one has become a spirit with God. May God help us to follow this course, that He may bring us to Himself. Amen. (223)

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