

Before Honour Is Humility

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True humility is essential for a positive relationship with God and for receiving His blessings.

Scripture: Psalm 34:18, Psalm 51:17, Proverbs 22:4, Isaiah 66:2, Matthew 5:3, Matthew 11:29, Luke 14:11, Philippians 2:3-4, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5-6

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that true humility is essential for receiving God's blessings and achieving close communion with Christ. He teaches that by emptying ourselves of pride and self, we open our hearts to be filled with God's love and grace. Spurgeon illustrates that just as Jesus descended to ascend, we must also grow downwards in humility to experience the heights of spiritual fellowship. He assures that God will bless a humble spirit abundantly, as humility prepares us to receive His gifts without pride. Ultimately, Spurgeon encourages that humility enhances every aspect of life, making it a vital quality for prayer, praise, and interaction with others.

Transcript

Humiliation of soul always brings a positive blessing with it. If we empty our hearts of self God will fill them with His love. He who desires close communion with Christ should remember the word of the Lord, "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word." Stoop if you would climb to heaven. Do we not say of Jesus, "He descended that He might ascend"? so must you. You must grow downwards, that you may grow upwards; for the sweetest fellowship with heaven is to be had by humble souls, and by them alone.

God will deny no blessing to a thoroughly humbled spirit. "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," with all its riches and treasures. The whole exchequer of God shall be made over by deed of gift to the soul which is humble enough to be able to receive it without growing proud because of it. God blesses us all up to the full measure and extremity of what it is safe for Him to do. If you do not get a blessing, it is because it is not safe for you to have one.

If our heavenly Father were to let your unhumbled spirit win a victory in His holy war, you would pilfer the crown for yourself, and meeting with a fresh enemy you would fall a victim; so that you are kept low for your own safety. When a man is sincerely humble, and never ventures to touch so much as a grain of the praise, there is scarcely any limit to what God will do for him. Humility makes us ready to be blessed by the God of all grace, and fits us to deal efficiently with our fellow men.

True humility is a flower which will adorn any garden. This is a sauce with which you may season every dish of life, and you will find an improvement in every case. Whether it be prayer or praise, whether it be work or suffering, the genuine salt of humility cannot be used in excess.

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