

# In God, Not Out of Trouble

by Charles E. Cowman

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*The sermon emphasizes the promise of God's presence and protection in the midst of calamities, and encourages listeners to trust in His power to preserve them.*

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Topics:** "Divine Protection", "Faith In Adversity"

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## Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches about the promise of safety and life in the midst of tremendous pressure, using the example of a life 'for a prey' as a metaphor for being preserved and victorious in hard places. He emphasizes the importance of being made what we should be in the presence of calamities, trusting in the Lord's shelter and protection to remain unharmed. Drawing from biblical examples like Daniel in the lion's den and the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, he encourages believers to dwell in the presence of God even in the face of adversity.

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## Transcript

"And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest" (Jer. 45:5).

A promise given for hard places, and a promise of safety and life in the midst of tremendous pressure, a life "for a prey." It may well adjust itself to our own times, which are growing harder as we near the end of the age, and the Tribulation times.

What is the meaning of "a life for a prey"? It means a life snatched out of the jaws of the destroyer, as David snatched the lamb from the lion. It means not removal from the noise of the battle and the presence of our foes; but it means a table in the midst of our enemies, a shelter from the storm, a fortress amid the foe, a life preserved in the face of continual pressure: Paul's healing when pressed out of measure so that he despaired of life; Paul's Divine help when the thorn remained, but the power of Christ rested upon him and the grace of Christ was sufficient. Lord, give me my life for a prey, and in the hardest places help me today to be victorious. --Days of Heaven upon Earth

We often pray to be delivered from calamities; we even trust that we shall be; but we do not pray to be made what we should be, in the very presence of the calamities; to live amid them, as long as they last, in the consciousness that we are, held and sheltered by the Lord, and can therefore remain in the midst of them, so long as they continue, without any hurt. For forty days and nights, the Saviour was kept in the

presence of Satan in the wilderness, and that, under circumstances of special trial, His human nature being weakened by want of food and rest. The furnace was heated seven times more than it was wont to be heated, but the three Hebrew children were kept a season amid its flames as calm and composed in the presence of the tyrant's last appliances of torture, as they were in the presence of himself before their time of deliverance came. And the livelong night did Daniel sit among the lions, and when he was taken up out of the den, "no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God." They dwelt in the presence of the enemy, because they dwelt in the presence of God.

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