

There Is a Spirit in Man, and the Breath of The

by F.B. Meyer

The sermon emphasizes the importance of the Spirit of God in our lives, highlighting the difference between intellectual knowledge and spiritual fellowship.

Scripture: Job 32:8, Psalm 119:130, Proverbs 2:6, Isaiah 11:2, John 14:17, Romans 8:16, 1 Corinthians 2:12, Ephesians 1:17-18, James 1:5, 1 John 2:27

Topics: "Divine Wisdom", "Inner Light"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes that true wisdom and understanding come not from age or intellect, but from the Spirit of God that breathes life into our souls. He illustrates this through Elihu's experience in Job, highlighting that the inner light and revelation from God surpass all human knowledge. Meyer encourages believers to open their spirits to the Divine Spirit, allowing God to fill them with understanding and insight that cannot be attained through mere intellectual pursuit. He draws on George Fox's testimony of discovering God's love and truth through direct revelation rather than through traditional means. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a deeper, more intimate relationship with God to truly know Him.

Transcript

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Almighty giveth understanding. Job xxxii. 8 (R.V.).

ELIHU had waited whilst the three elder men said all that was in their hearts. He now excuses his youth and demands audience, because so conscious that the breath of inspiration had entered his soul. Wisdom is not with age; but wherever the heart is freely open to God, He will make it wise. We have received not the spirit which is of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we may know.

George Fox tells us that though he read the Scriptures which spoke of Christ and of God, yet he knew Him not till He who had the key did open. "Then the Lord gently led me along and let me see his love which was endless and eternal, surpassing all the knowledge that men have in the natural state, or can get by history or books. I had not fellowship with any people, priests or professors, but with Christ, who hath the key, and opened the door of life and light unto me. His one message was the necessity of the Inner Light, the inward witness of the Spirit, his secret revelations of truth to the soul. "

This distinction needs to be deeply pondered. We have been trying to know God by the intellect, by reading the Bible intellectually, by endeavouring to apprehend human systems. There is, however, a deeper and truer method. "There is a spirit in man!" Open your spirit to the Divine Spirit as you open a window to the sunny air. Instantly God enters and fills. The Spirit witnesses with our spirit. The inbreathed life of God gives us light. We know by intuition, by fellowship with God, by direct vision, what the wise of this world could never discover.

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