

Ye Shall Not See Wind, Neither Shall Ye See Rain;

by F.B. Meyer

God's way of fulfilling desire is often different from what we expect, and He is not limited by our expectations.

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:17, Psalm 37:4, Isaiah 55:8

Topics: "Faith in God's Work", "Trusting Without Signs"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes that God's work often occurs without visible signs, as illustrated in 2 Kings 3:17, where the valley is filled without wind or rain. He points out that in both church work and personal Christian experience, we may not see immediate evidence of God's blessings, yet He is actively at work beneath the surface. Meyer encourages believers to trust that even when they do not perceive God's presence or action, He is fulfilling their desires and filling their spiritual needs. The sermon reassures that true success in God's work is not measured by outward manifestations but by the quiet, transformative work happening within.

Transcript

Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain;

yet that valley shall be filled. 2 Kings iii. 17.

THIS is God's way of fulfilling the desire of them that fear Him. We like to see the clouds blown forward through the sky, and hear the moan of the rising wind; in other words, we like to see God's gifts on their way, or to have the sensible emotion of receiving them. Sometimes we have symptoms and signs that fill us with rapture; at other times, these are lacking, and we surrender ourselves to despair. Yet when we see neither wind nor rain, God may be most mightily at work.

It is so in Church work. How often we make our valleys full of ditches! Our machinery is complicated and perfect; we have spared neither pains nor care. Then we ardently desire the signs of a powerful revival, and break our hearts if they are not apparent; while, all the time, if we only knew it, the Divine blessing is welling up in the ditches, doing more than would be the case if our highest wishes were gratified. Here and there tears are falling silently, hearts are being cleansed, lives are becoming yielded to God.

It is so in Christian experience. ¶ We expect to have our Pentecost as the early Church received hers. We desire to see wind and rain, and to know that God is baptizing us; but this is not granted. There is no footfall of hurrying clouds, no coronet of flame, no gift of tongues. But, deep down, the ditches are being filled up, yearnings are being satisfied, the capacity for God within us is being met, though it grows apace. God be praised that the success of his work is not gauged by outward signs!

A well may be filled as completely by the percolation of water, a drop at a time, as by turning a river into it.

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