

August 25. 1678. the Sun-Stone Rising Out of the Earth.

by Jane Lead

The sermon teaches that the light of God's presence in our lives can be quenched by the influences of sin and darkness, but we can overcome this by binding the loose earth and allowing the light to shine freely.

Scripture: Matthew 5:14, John 8:12, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Ephesians 5:8

Topics: "Spiritual Growth", "Inner Light"

Description

Jane Lead preaches about a profound spiritual experience where she was drawn into a place resembling a cleared cave with a bright fiery stone that symbolized the struggle between light and darkness within us. The stone's light was often covered by the earth's shakings, representing obstacles hindering the shining of our inner light. The message revealed was the necessity to bind the loose earth, symbolizing our earthly desires and distractions, to allow the light within us to shine freely.

Transcript

This Morning as I was waiting, I did find such a deep Immersement with the Fountain-Light, into which my Spirit was drawn, and carried to see a place where there was much Earth, but it was cleared away, and an hollow Place or Vault like to a Cave. Into which I was call'd to follow one, that was my Guide. At first it seemed to be dark and dismal: But after I was in, there sprung out a bright Fiery-Stone, the shine of which did lighten that dark Place: it was as Sparkling and Glorious as the Sun.

But the Earth covered it by some shakings, that often fell upon it, and quenched the Lustre thereof, so as it did not give forth its Light: but after a little season, it broke through again, and overcame the Darkness.

And it was thus opened unto me, That this was a Similitude to shew to us our own Internal State, how Obnoxious the pure and flaming Stone was to the Earth's showering down upon it. And this Word came to me, There is no other way, but to bind the loose Earth, that so the Light may shine free.

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