

The Process and the End

by John Henry Jowett

The sermon emphasizes the importance of patience and trust in God's mysterious ways, even in difficult times, as He works towards a good and merciful end.

Scripture: Genesis 1:31, Psalm 30:5, Isaiah 55:8, Romans 8:28, James 5:7

Topics: "Trusting God", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

John Henry Jowett emphasizes the importance of patience in trusting the Lord's mysterious ways to achieve His ends, even when the means seem contrary to the desired outcomes. Just like how a delicate porcelain is formed through a rough mortar, our afflictions and trials are shaping us for glory, leading us from discord to harmony, opposition to union, and adversities to peace. We must not mistake the process for the end result, as the Lord's ultimate goal is filled with compassion and tender mercy.

Transcript

"_Ye have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy._"

--JAMES v. 7-11.

And so we are bidden to be patient. "We must wait to the end of the Lord."

The Lord's ends are attained through very mysterious means. Sometimes the means are in contrast to the ends. He works toward the harvest through winter's frost and snow. The maker of chaste and delicate porcelain reaches his lovely ends through an awful mortar, where the raw material of bone and clay is pounded into a cream. In that mortar-chamber we have no hint of the finished ware. But be patient, even in this chamber of affliction the ware is on the way to glory!

And so it is with the ministries of our Lord. He leads us through discords

into harmonies, through opposition into union, through adversities into peace. His means of grace are processes, sometimes gentle, sometimes severe; and our folly is to assume that we have reached His ends when we are only on the way to them. "The end of the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." "Be patient, therefore," until it shall be spoken of thee and me, "And God saw that it was good."

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