

The Test of Fulness

by John Henry Jowett

The test of fulness is a more searching test than want, and requires continuous prayer to maintain a strong spiritual life.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:10, Psalm 121:7, Luke 21:34, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Description

John Henry Jowett emphasizes the importance of remaining faithful and prayerful even in times of prosperity and fullness, as these can be more dangerous than times of want. He warns that our direst peril often lies in our complacency and abundance, as seen in the downfall of Sodom. Jowett urges believers to pray without ceasing, seeking God's strength and guidance even in times of ease and comfort, to avoid being caught off guard by unseen dangers that may arise in the midst of prosperity.

Transcript

DEUTERONOMY viii. 1-10.

"And thou shalt eat and be full, and thou shalt bless the Lord thy God."

Fulness is surely a more searching test than want. Fulness induces sleep and forgetfulness. Many a man fights a good fight with Apollyon in the narrow way, who lapses into sleepy indifference on the Enchanted Ground.

Men often sit down to a full table without "grace." Pain cries out to God, while boisterous health strides along in heedlessness. Yes, it is our fulness that constitutes our direst peril. "This was the iniquity of Sodom, fulness of bread and abundance of idleness."

And so our tests may come on the sunny day. A nation's supreme tests may come in its prosperity. The sunshine may do more damage than the lightning. The soul may falter even in Beulah land, where "the sun shines

night and day."

Prayer must not, therefore, tarry until sickness and adversity come. We must "pray without ceasing" in the cloudless noon, lest we are stricken with "the arrow that flieth by day." We must seek the eternal strength when no apparent enemy crouches at our gate, and when our easy road is lined with luxuriant flowers and fruit.

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