

Lv. to Robert Lennox of Disdove, Near Gatehouse

by Samuel Rutherford

Samuel Rutherford urges Robert Lennox to follow Christ, build on the rock of Zion, and mind heaven and Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 119:105, Matthew 16:24, John 14:23, 1 Corinthians 3:11, Colossians 3:1

Topics: "Surrender To Christ", "Spiritual Warfare"

Description

Samuel Rutherford passionately urges his worthy and dear brother to focus on Christ, to sell all things for Him, and to build the foundation of salvation on the rock of Zion. He emphasizes the importance of being dead to the world, surrendering to Christ, and walking with Him despite worldly challenges. Rutherford warns against false teachings, encourages prayer and reading of God's Word, and assures that those who hold onto the love of Christ will find peace despite facing opposition.

Transcript

WORTHY AND DEAR BROTHER, -- I forget you not in my bonds. I know that you are looking to Christ; and I beseech you to follow your look. I can say more of Christ now by experience (though He be infinitely above and beyond all that can be said of Him), than when I saw you. I am drowned over head and ears in His love. Sell, sell, sell all things for Christ. Sir, make sure work of your salvation: build not upon sand; lay the foundation upon the rock of Zion. Strive to be dead to this world, and to your will and lusts; let Christ have a commanding power and a king's throne in you. Walk with Christ, howbeit the world should take the hide off your face: I promise you that Christ will win the field. Your pastors cause you to err. Except you see Christ's word, go not one foot

with them. Countenance not the reading of that Romish service-book. Keep your garments clean, as ye would walk with the Lamb clothed in white. Learn to discern the Bridegroom's tongue, and to give yourself to prayer and reading. Ye were often a hearer of me. I would put my heart's blood on the doctrine which I taught, as the only way to salvation: go not from it, my dear brother. What I write to you, I write to your wife also. Mind heaven and Christ, and keep the spunk of the love of Christ which you have gotten. Christ will blow on it if ye entertain it; and your end shall be peace. There is a fire in our Zion. I assure you, howbeit we be nicknamed Puritans, that all the powers of the world shall not prevail against us. Remember, though a sinful man write it to you, that those people shall be in Scotland as a green olive-tree, and a field blessed of the Lord; and that it shall be proclaimed, 'Up, up with Christ, and down, down with all contrary powers.'

Sir, pray for me (I name you to the Lord), for further evil is determined against me.

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