

Such a Cloud of Witnesses

*“Stories of Great
Christians”*

Temple Baptist Church
November 19, 2023



Charles Haden Spurgeon

C. H. Spurgeon



A landscape photograph of a dirt road winding through a field of tall, dry grass at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The road is muddy with puddles reflecting the light. In the background, there are hills and some distant structures. A large black rectangular box with white text is centered over the image.

If Christ be anything,
He must be everything.

Charles H. Spurgeon

An open, aged book with yellowed, stained pages. The text is written in a cursive script. The top line is in red ink, and the subsequent lines are in blue ink. The book is open to a spread of two pages, with the text centered across the gutter.

The Early Years

The Full Harvest

Epilogue

John 3:14-18

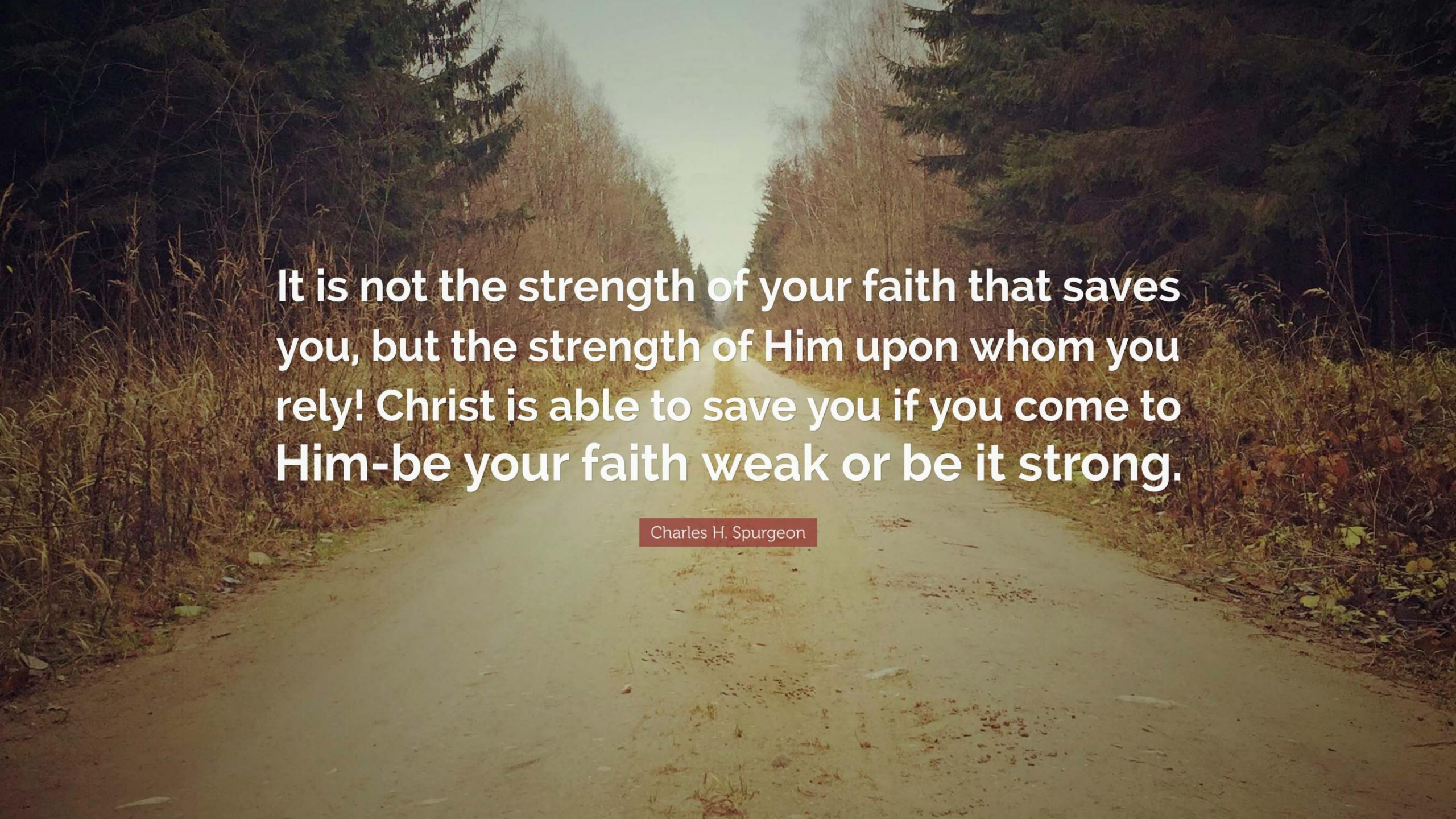
14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 **That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

16 For God **so loved** the world, that **he gave** his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth** in him **should not perish**, but have **everlasting life**.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the **world through him might be saved**.

18 **He that believeth on him is not condemned:** but he that believeth not is **condemned already**, because he hath not believed **in the name of the only begotten Son of God**.

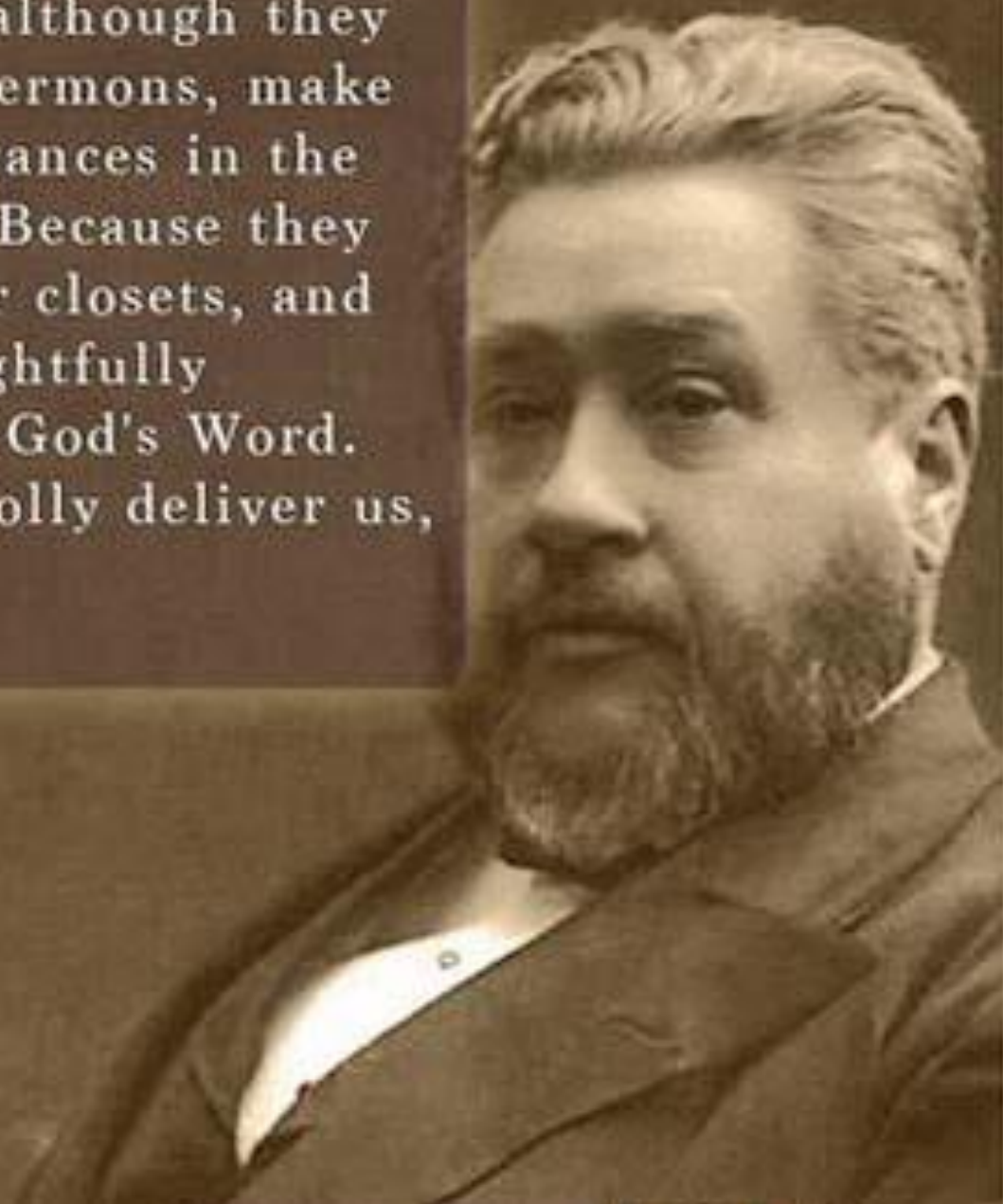


It is not the strength of your faith that saves you, but the strength of Him upon whom you rely! Christ is able to save you if you come to Him-be your faith weak or be it strong.

Charles H. Spurgeon

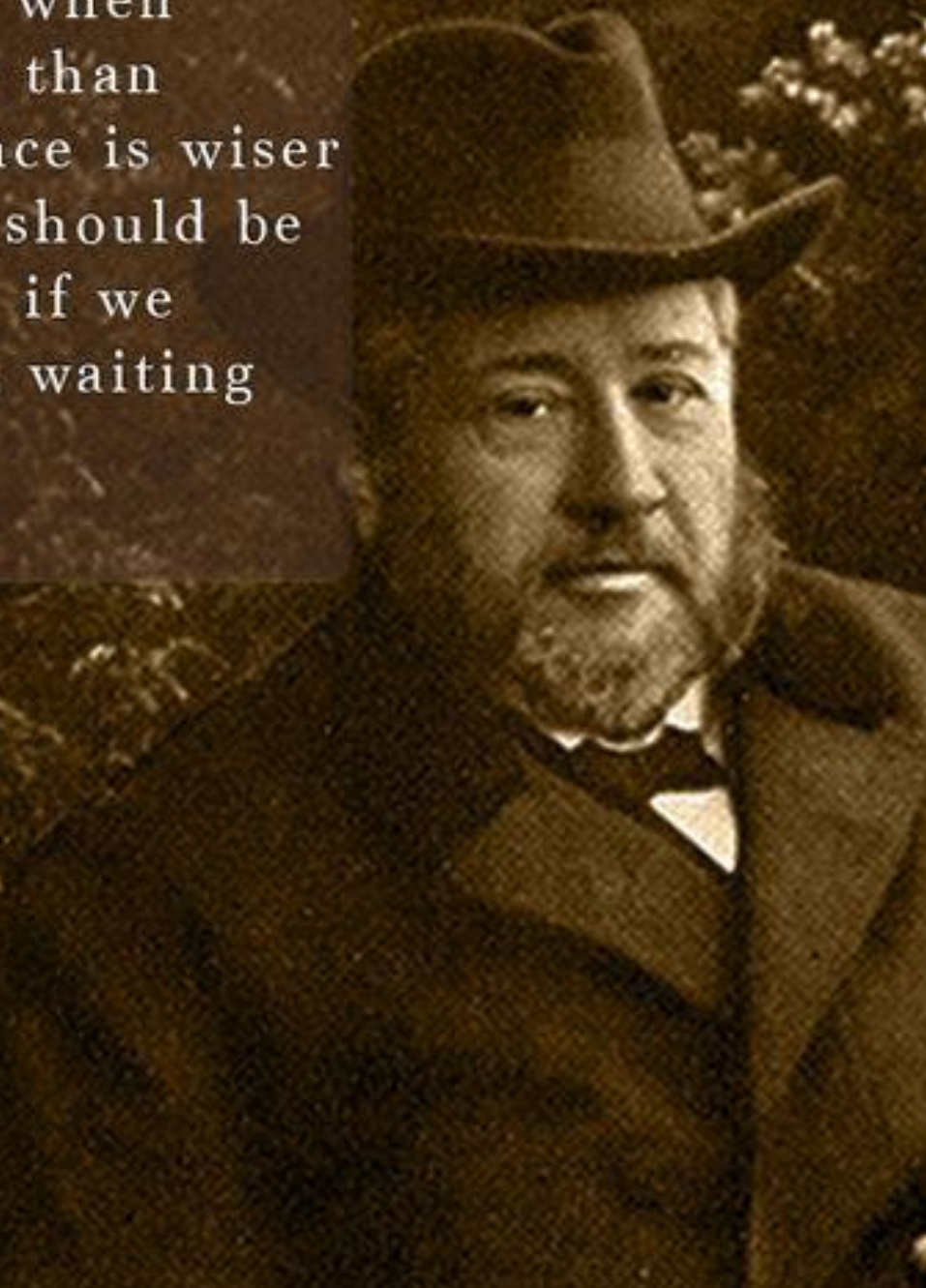
“Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. From such folly deliver us, O Lord.”

- C.H. Spurgeon



“There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God.”

- C.H. Spurgeon



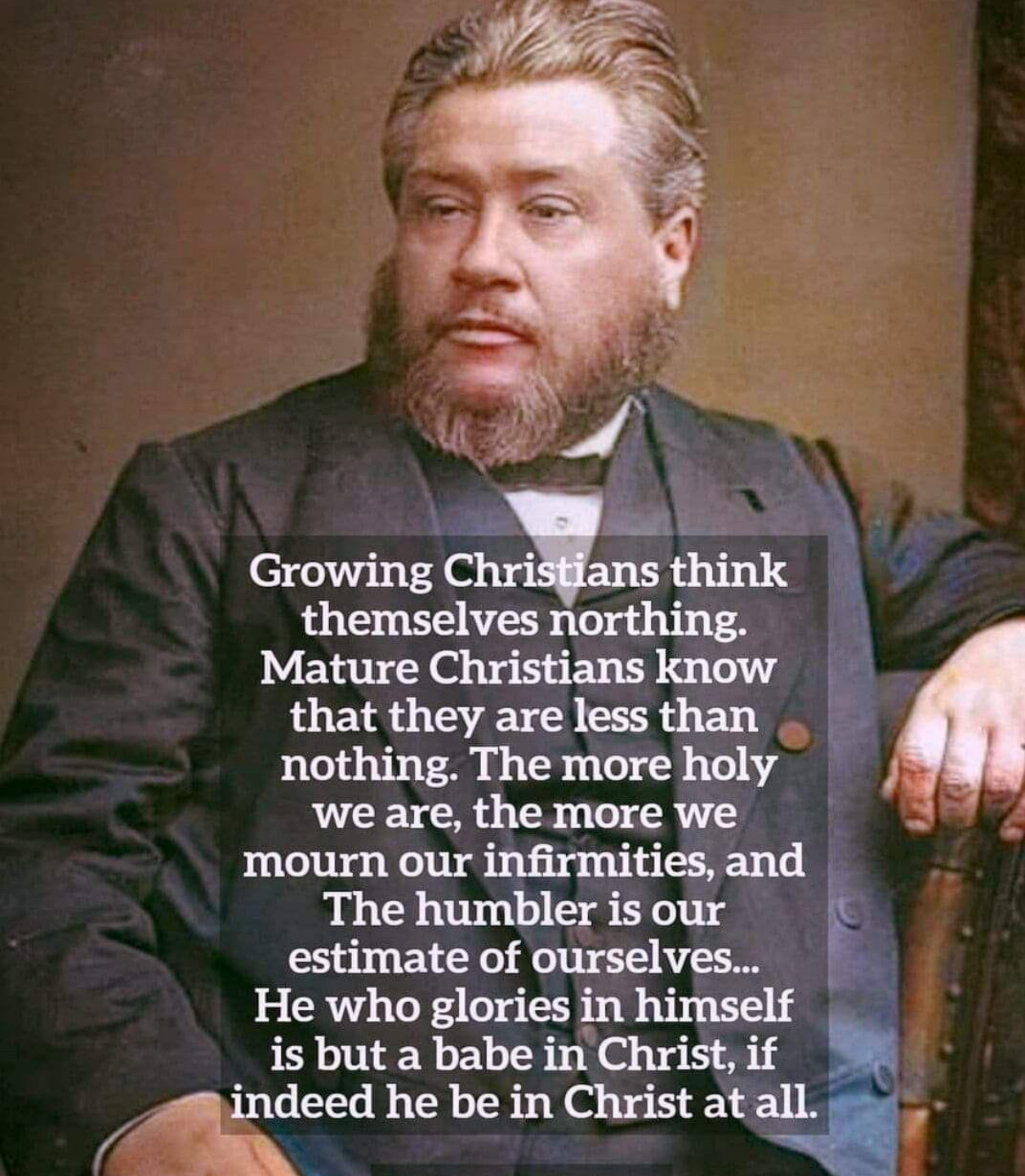
Brethren, never neglect your spiritual meals, or you will lack stamina and your spirits will sink. Live on the substantial doctrines of grace, and you will outlive and out-work those who delight in the pastry and syllabubs of "modern thought."




C. H. Spurgeon



"Old-fashioned
believers
could give
you chapter
and verse
for what
they believed;
but how
few of such
remain!"
- C.H.
Spurgeon

A portrait of a middle-aged man with a full, dark beard and mustache. He is wearing a dark, high-collared suit jacket over a white shirt and a dark bow tie. He is seated, with his right hand resting on the back of a wooden chair. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The image has a slightly aged, sepia-toned appearance.

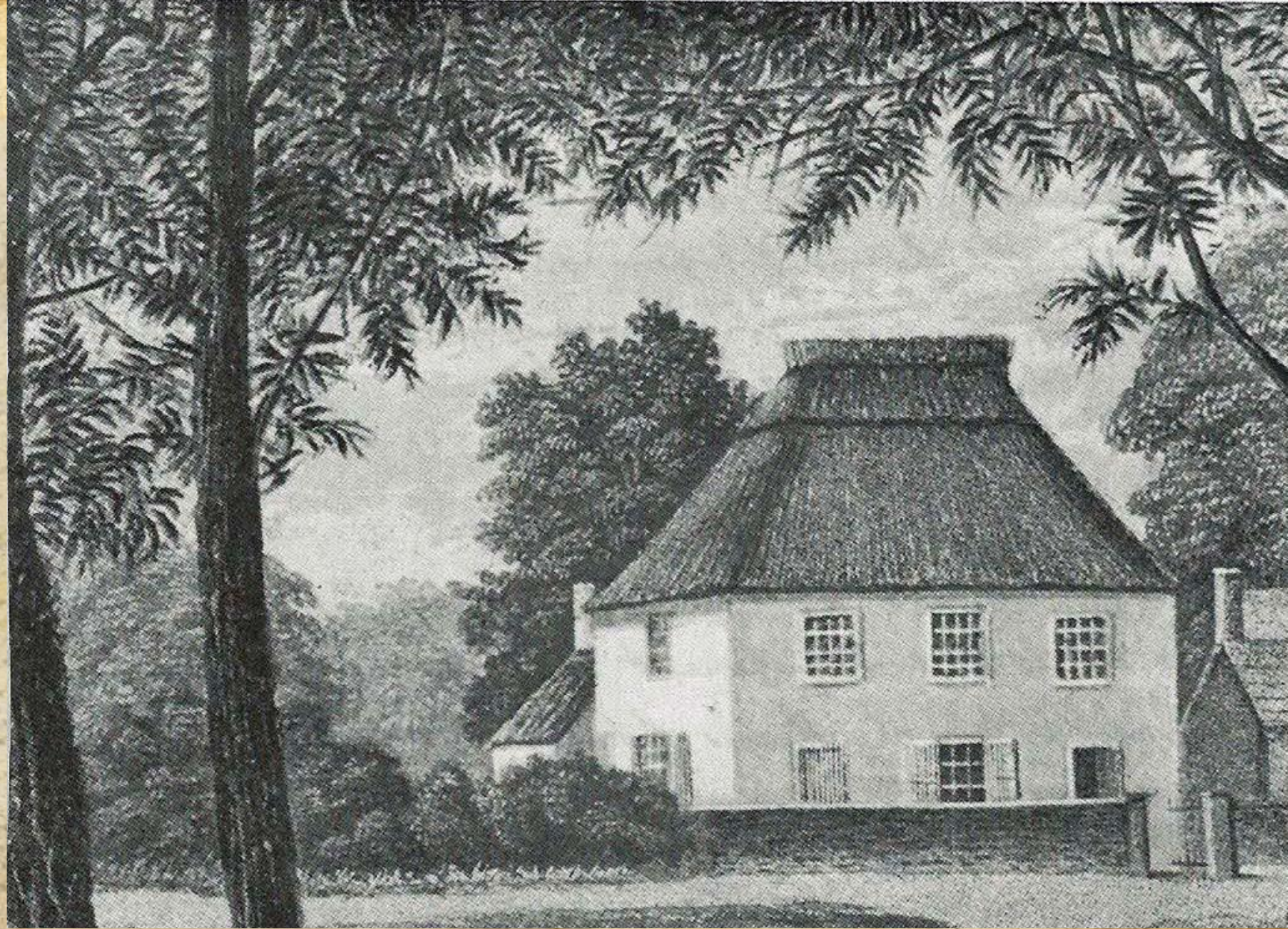
Growing Christians think
themselves nothing.
Mature Christians know
that they are less than
nothing. The more holy
we are, the more we
mourn our infirmities, and
The humbler is our
estimate of ourselves...
He who glories in himself
is but a babe in Christ, if
indeed he be in Christ at all.

A photograph of a beach at sunset or sunrise. The ocean waves are breaking onto the shore, creating white foam. The sand is wet and reflects the golden light of the low sun. Several dark, wet rocks are scattered along the shoreline. The overall mood is dramatic and contemplative.

If sinners be damned, at least let them
leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will
perish, let them perish with our arms
about their knees. Let no one go there
unwarned and unprayed for.

Charles H. Spurgeon

Waterbeach
Chapel
1851-1854



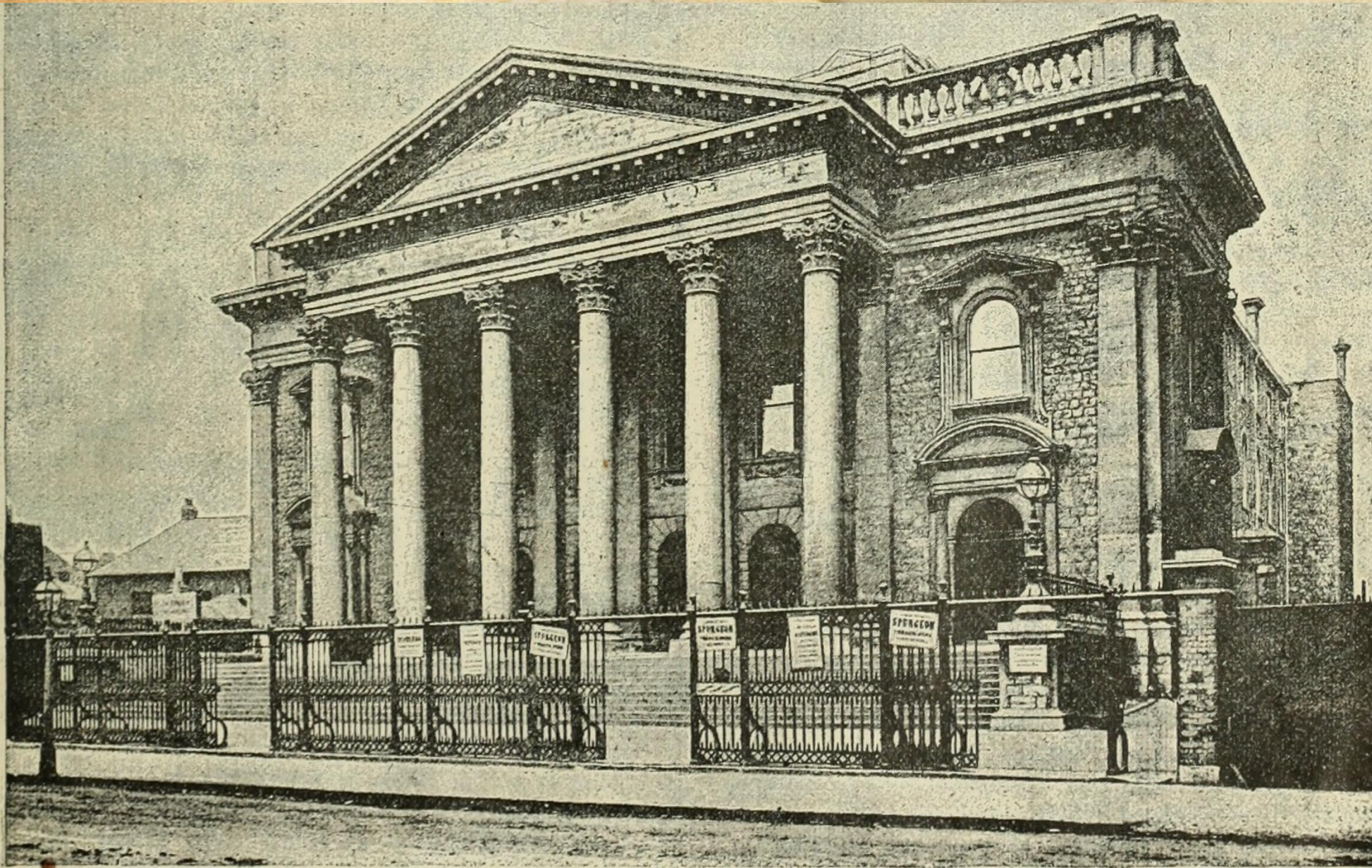
New Park Street Chapel - 1854





Pastors
College
1857

Metropolitan Tabernacle- 1861



Galatians 5:8-10

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; **but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

9 **And let us not be weary in well doing:** for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, **let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

Alms Houses
1863



Alms House

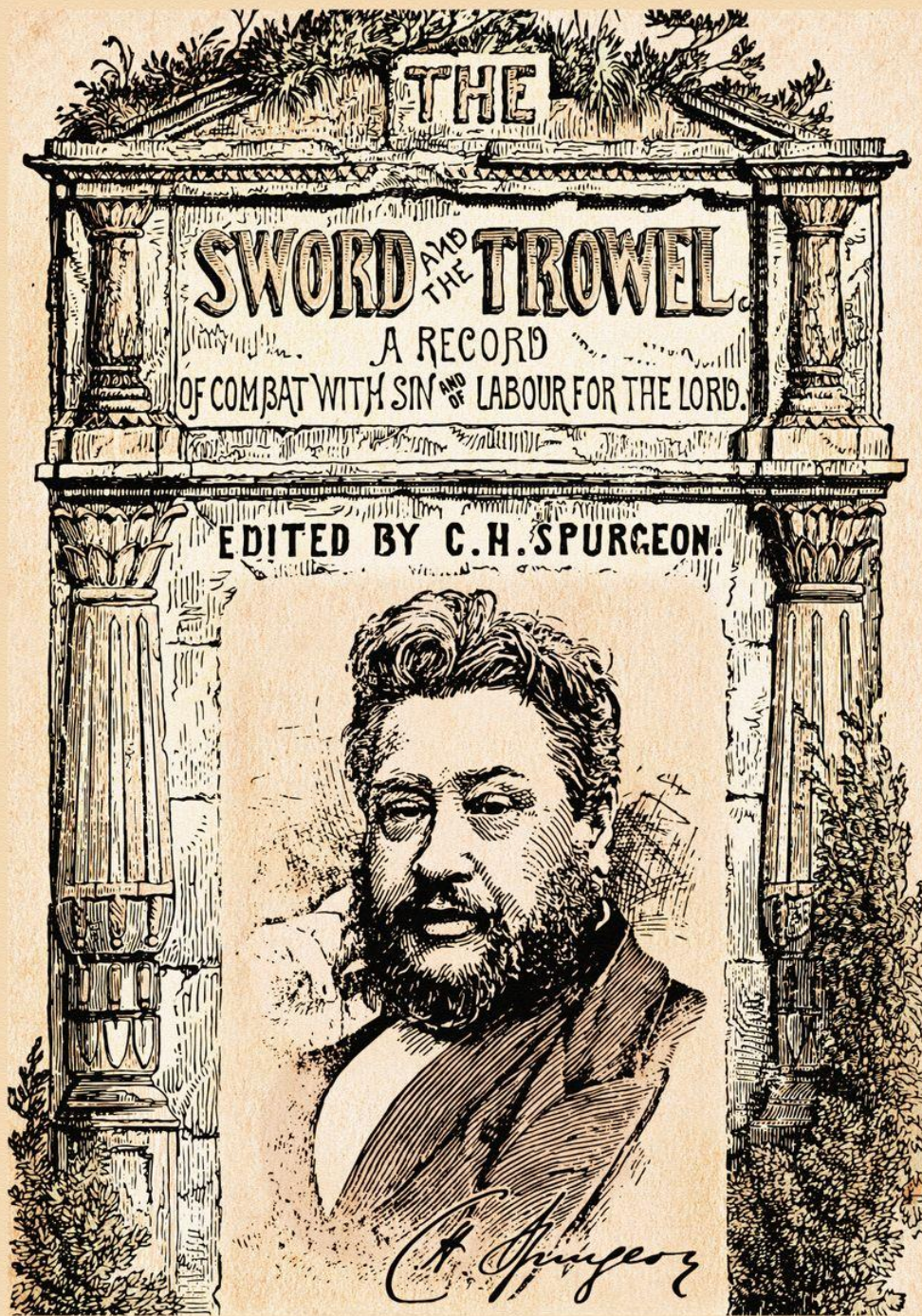




The Early Years

The Full Harvest

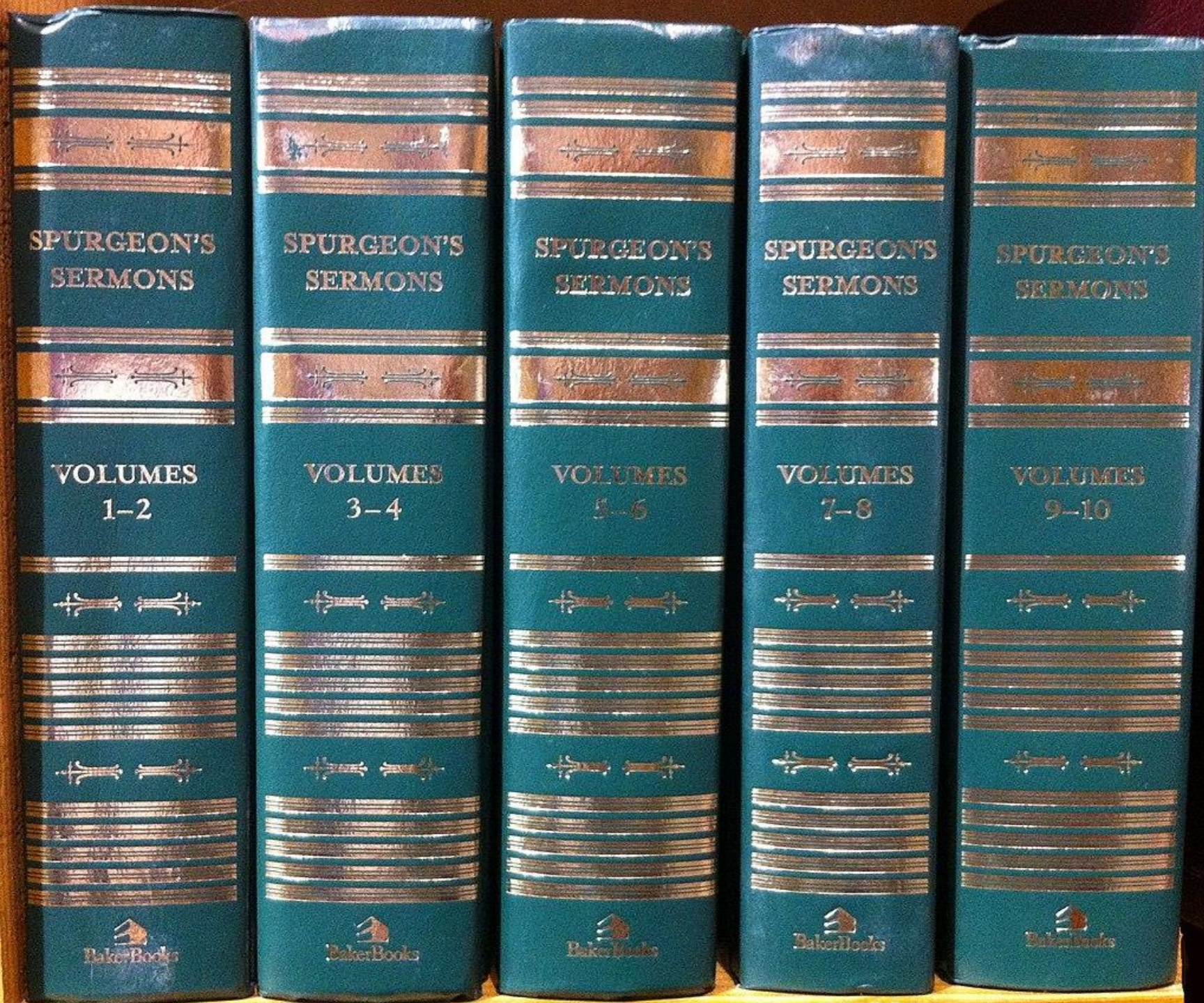
Epilogue



Sword & Trowel

1865





Sermon
Collections
Published
by the
Metropolitan
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Colportage
Association
1866

Colportage

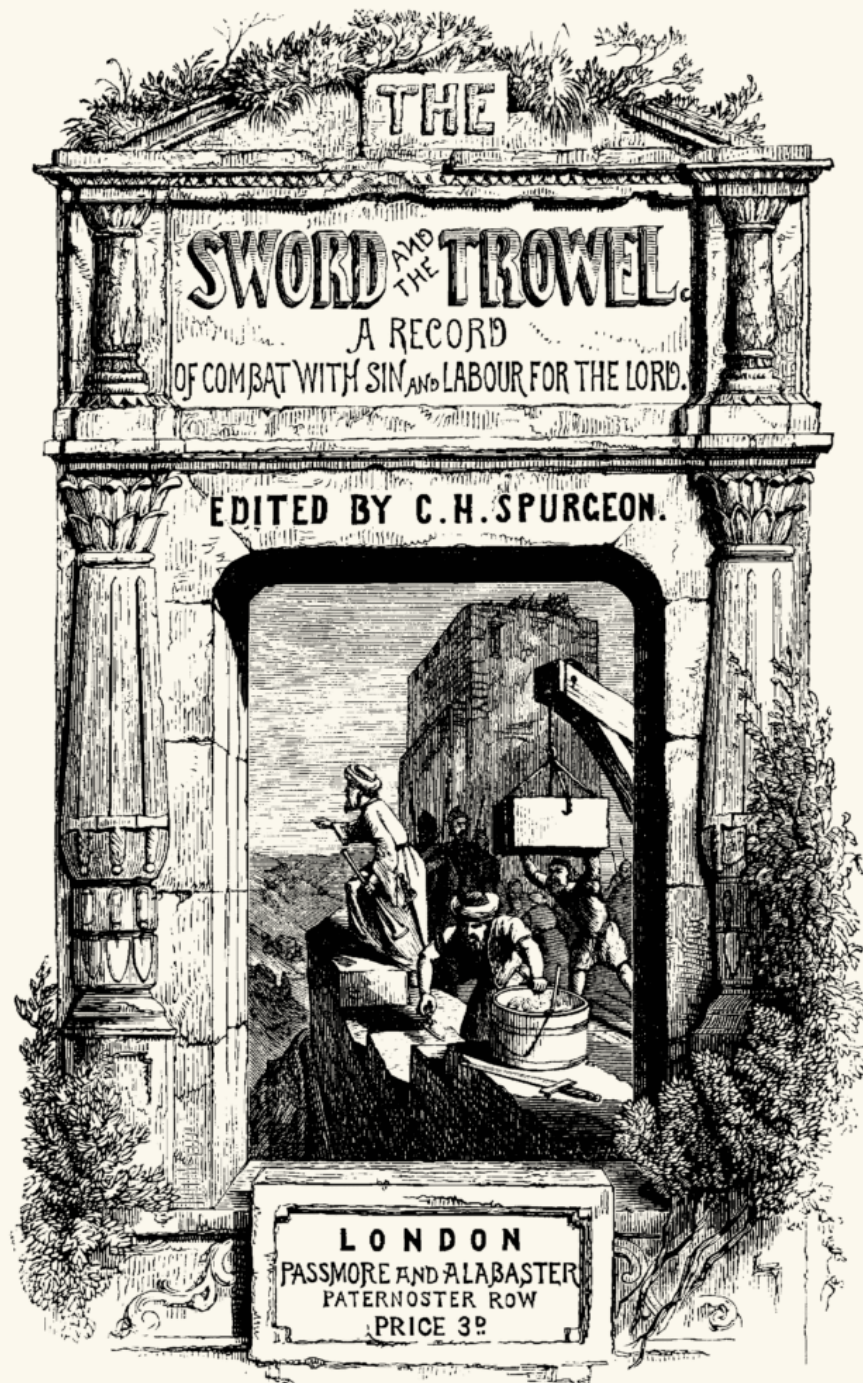
Is the distribution of publications, books, and religious tracts by carriers called "colporteurs" or "colporters". The term does not necessarily refer to religious book peddling.

Colportage



Maine Baptist Colportage Wagon.





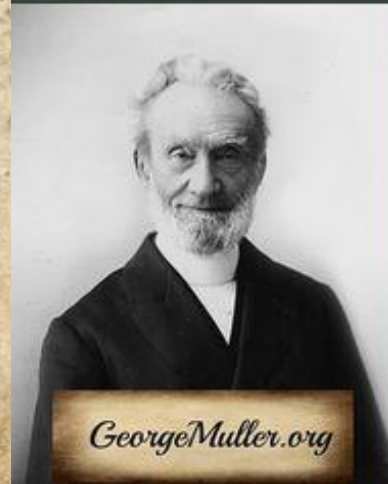
Sword & Trowel Collections





Mr. Muller supports 300 orphan children on no resources but his own faith and prayer. When he needs anything, he calls them together, offers supplication to God, and asks that necessities may be supplied. When I saw what a great work he had done by his faith, and began to remark upon it, he said, "Oh, it is only a little thing that I have done. Faith could do far more than that. If it were God's will that I should feed the universe on prayer and faith, I could do it. I believe God has made me to be here to be to the world a proof that he hears and answers prayer."

- C.H. Spurgeon



GeorgeMuller.org



James 1:27

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, **To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.**

Orphanages





Stockwell Orphanage 1866

Mrs. Hillyard's
finances, C. H.
Spurgeon's Vision
2,000 no...no 20.000
pounds

THE STOCKWELL ORPHANAGE,

LONDON, S.W.

Founded by C. H. SPURGEON.



A HOME AND SCHOOL FOR FIVE HUNDRED FATHERLESS BOYS AND GIRLS.

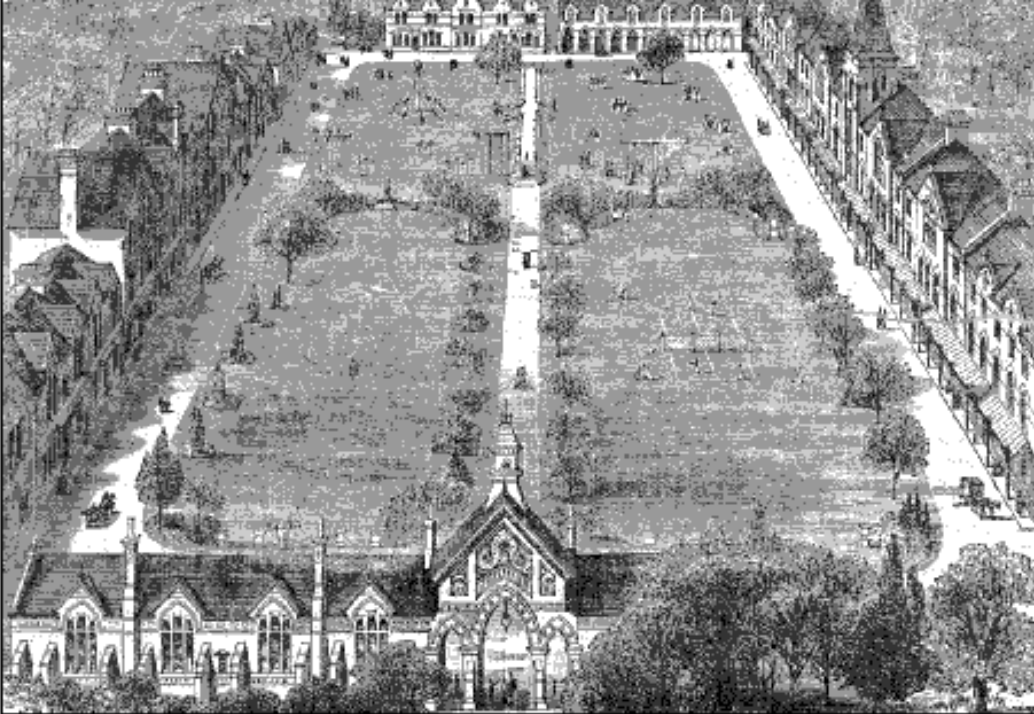
Summary of Guiding Principles:

The Institution receives **Fatherless Boys** between the ages of 6 and 10, **Girls** between the ages of 7 and 10.

It is conducted on the **Separate Home System**. It is **Unsectarian**.

Only the most **Needy, Helpless, and Deserving** Candidates are selected. No votes required!

In writing to the Secretary for a Form of Application, full particulars must be given.



Stockwell Orphanage



Stockwell Orphanage





Married ~ January 8, 1956

Twins Born - September 20, 1856



Age 4

Age 7



Age 21

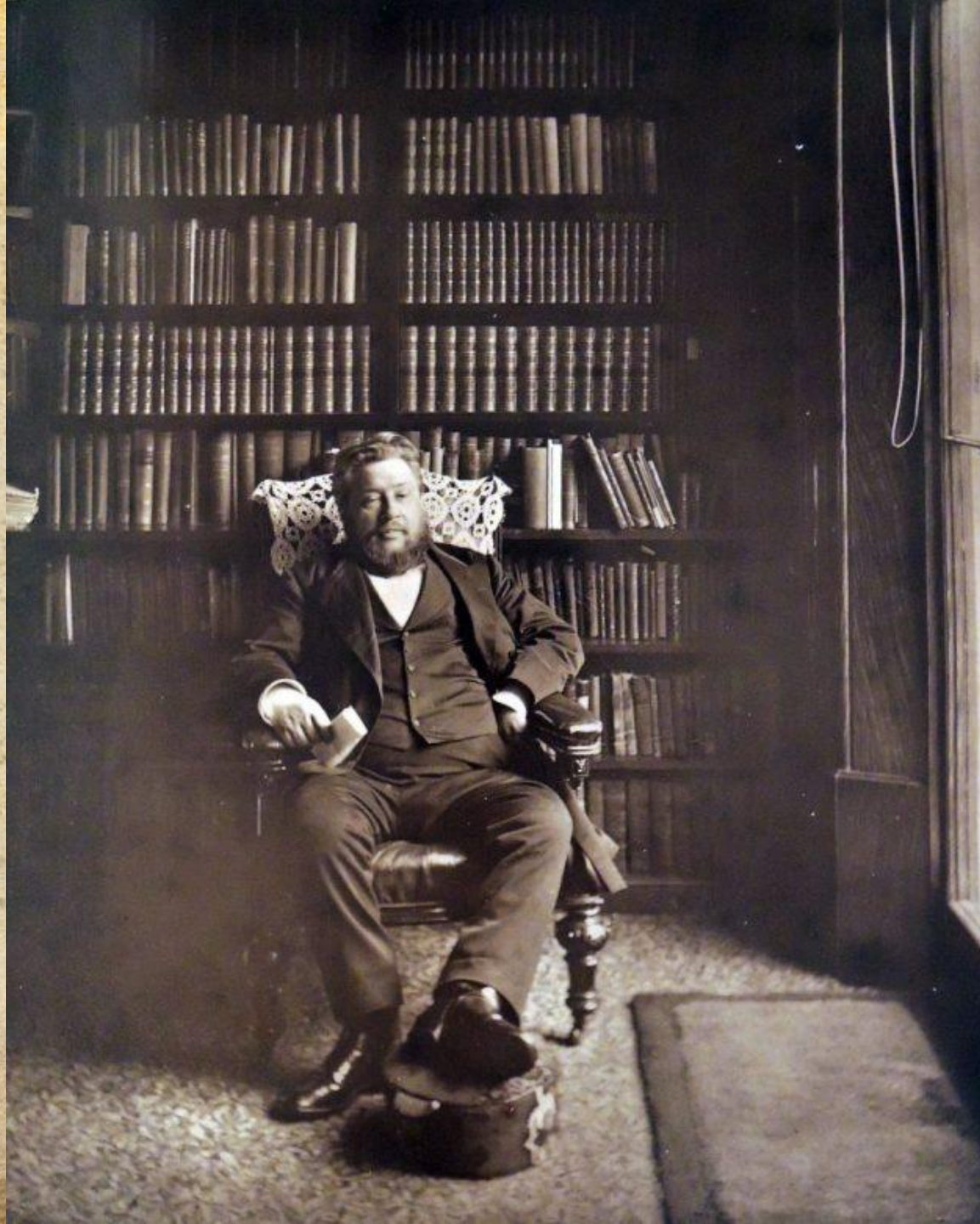
Charlie & Susie Spurgeon

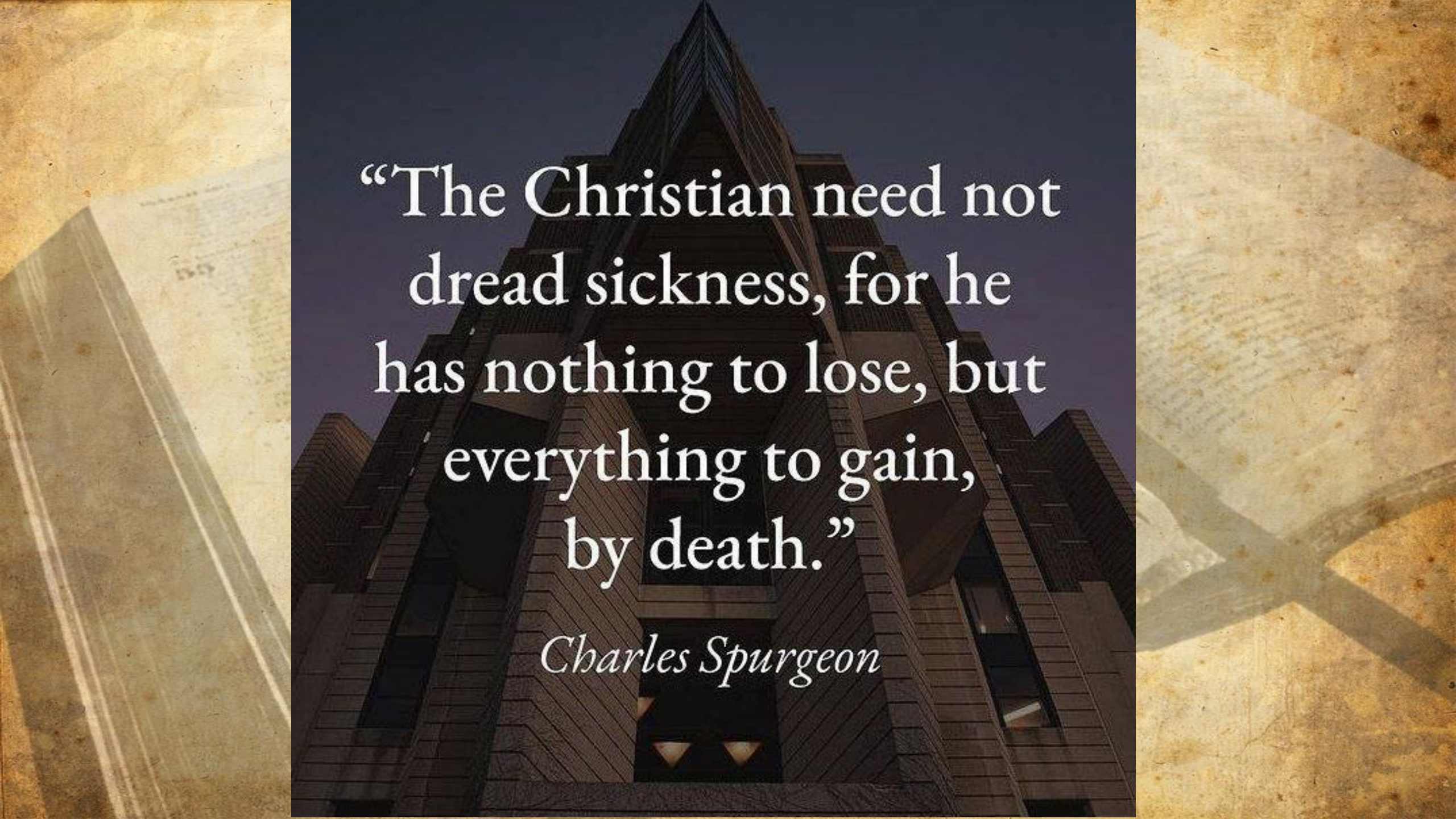


Stockwell Orphanage



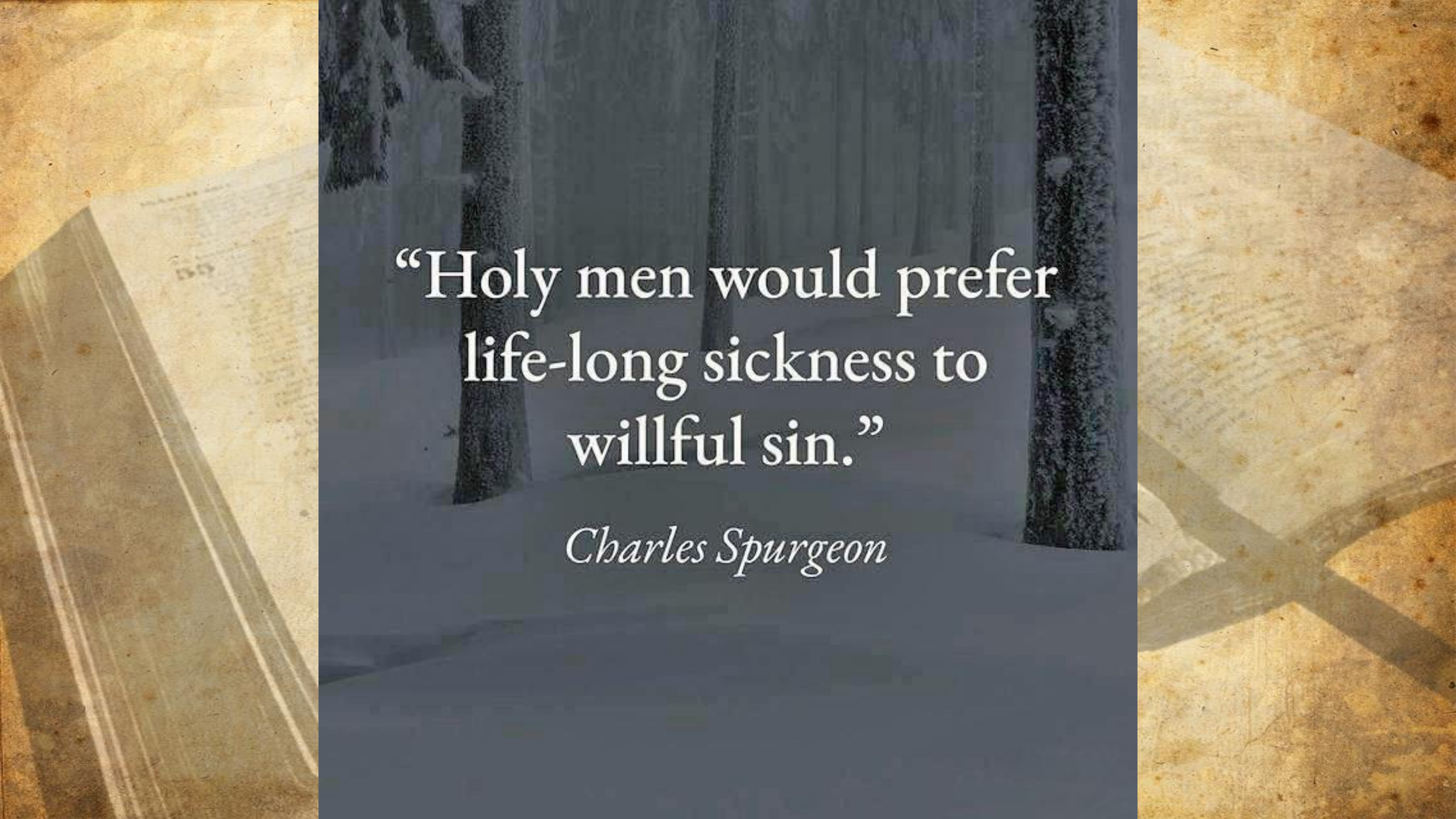
Charles Challenges





“The Christian need not
dread sickness, for he
has nothing to lose, but
everything to gain,
by death.”

Charles Spurgeon



“Holy men would prefer
life-long sickness to
willful sin.”

Charles Spurgeon



Thomas Hanbury Villa



Mentone,
France

Susie
Spurgeon
1868



Sir Simpson James Surgeon

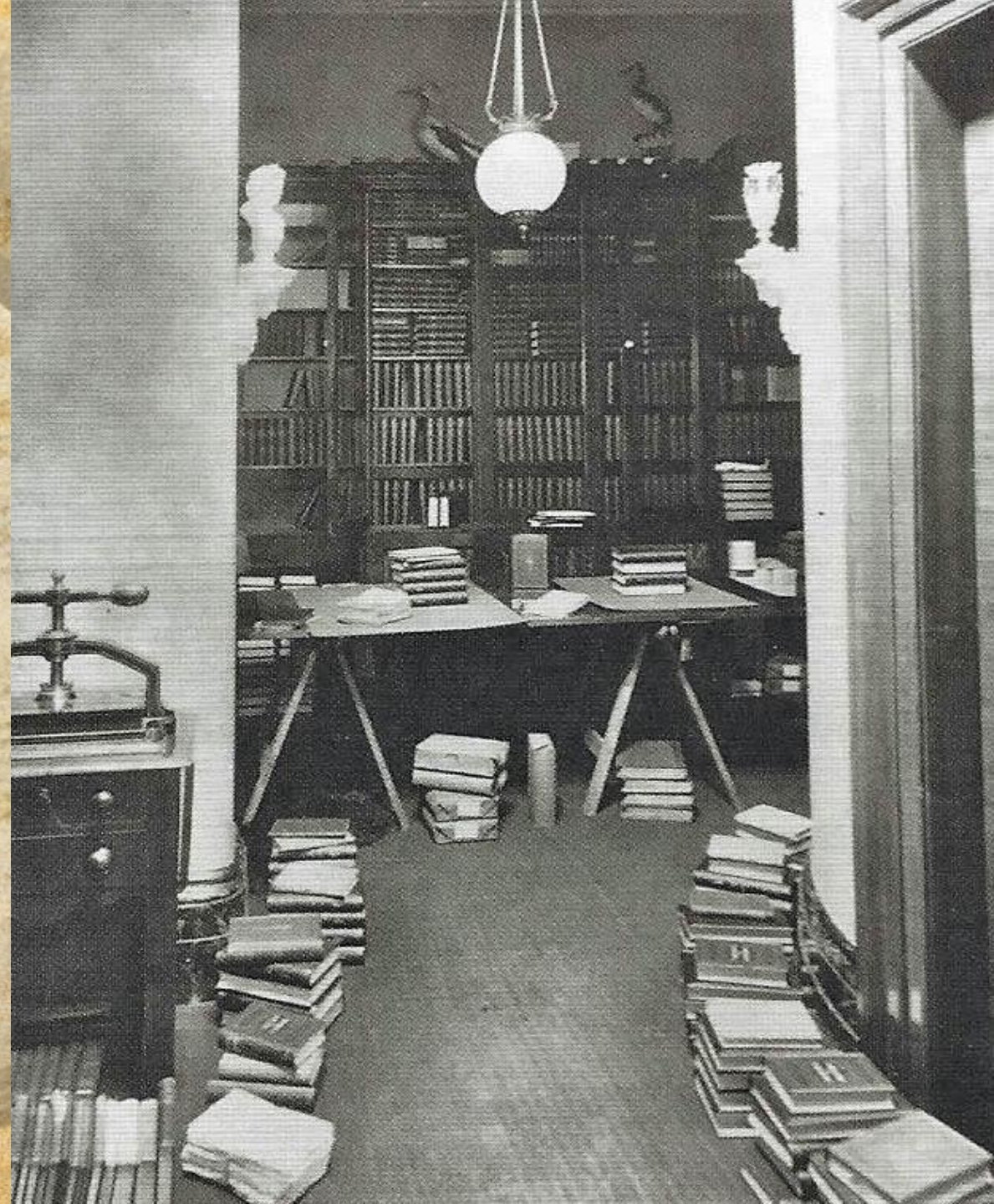


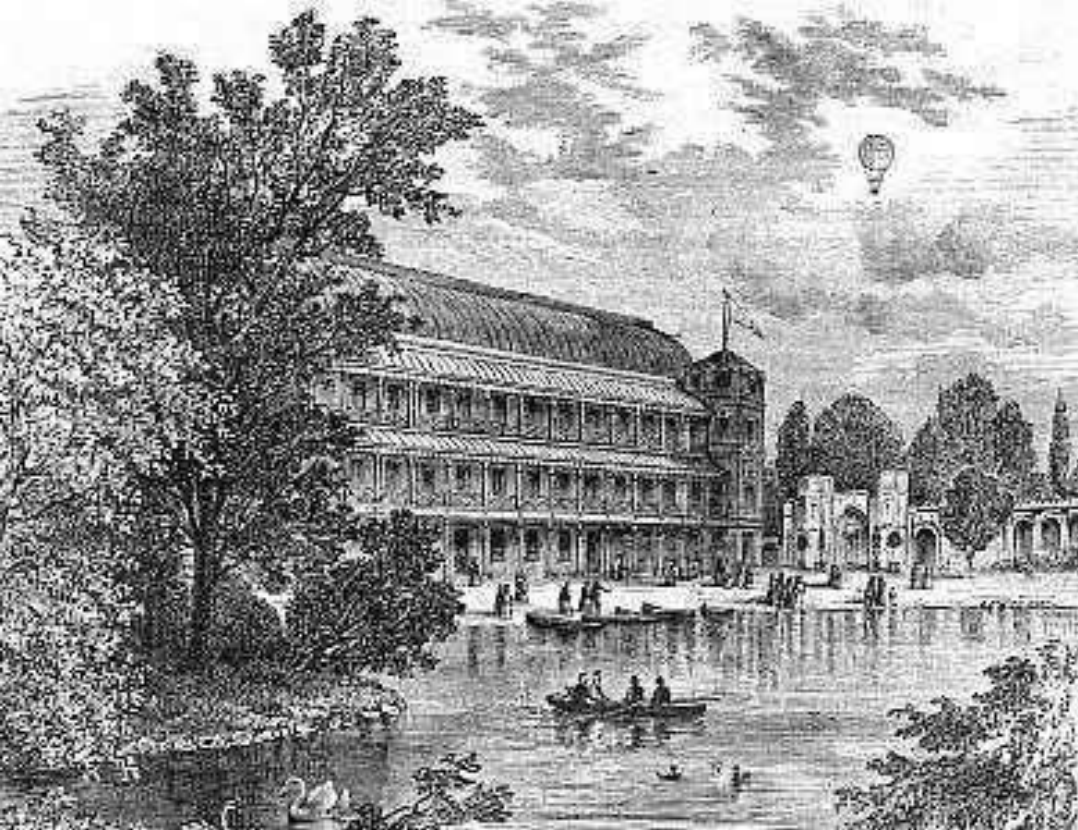
To know, of a surety,
that all God's dealings with me are those of a loving Father towards a dear
and well-beloved child; to be absolutely
certain that every sorrow conceals a blessing,
because He has appointed it; to look upon pain,
and trial,
and bitter experiences as the outcome of a love which
is so infinite that I cannot fathom it - this is
to live in "the secret place of the Most High",
this is to "abide under the shadow of the Almighty!"

-Susannah Spurgeon



Susie
Spurgeon Book
Fund
1875



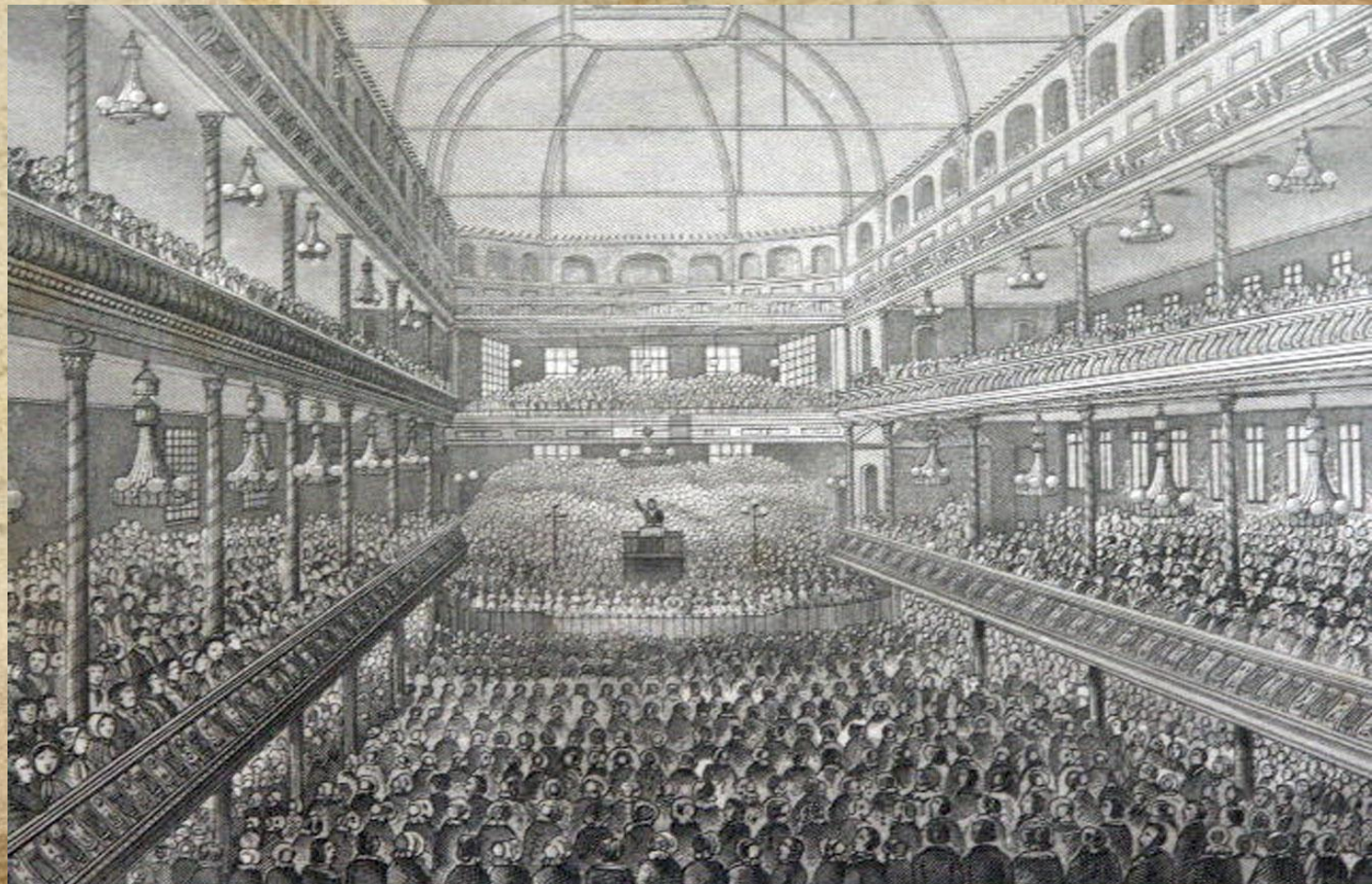


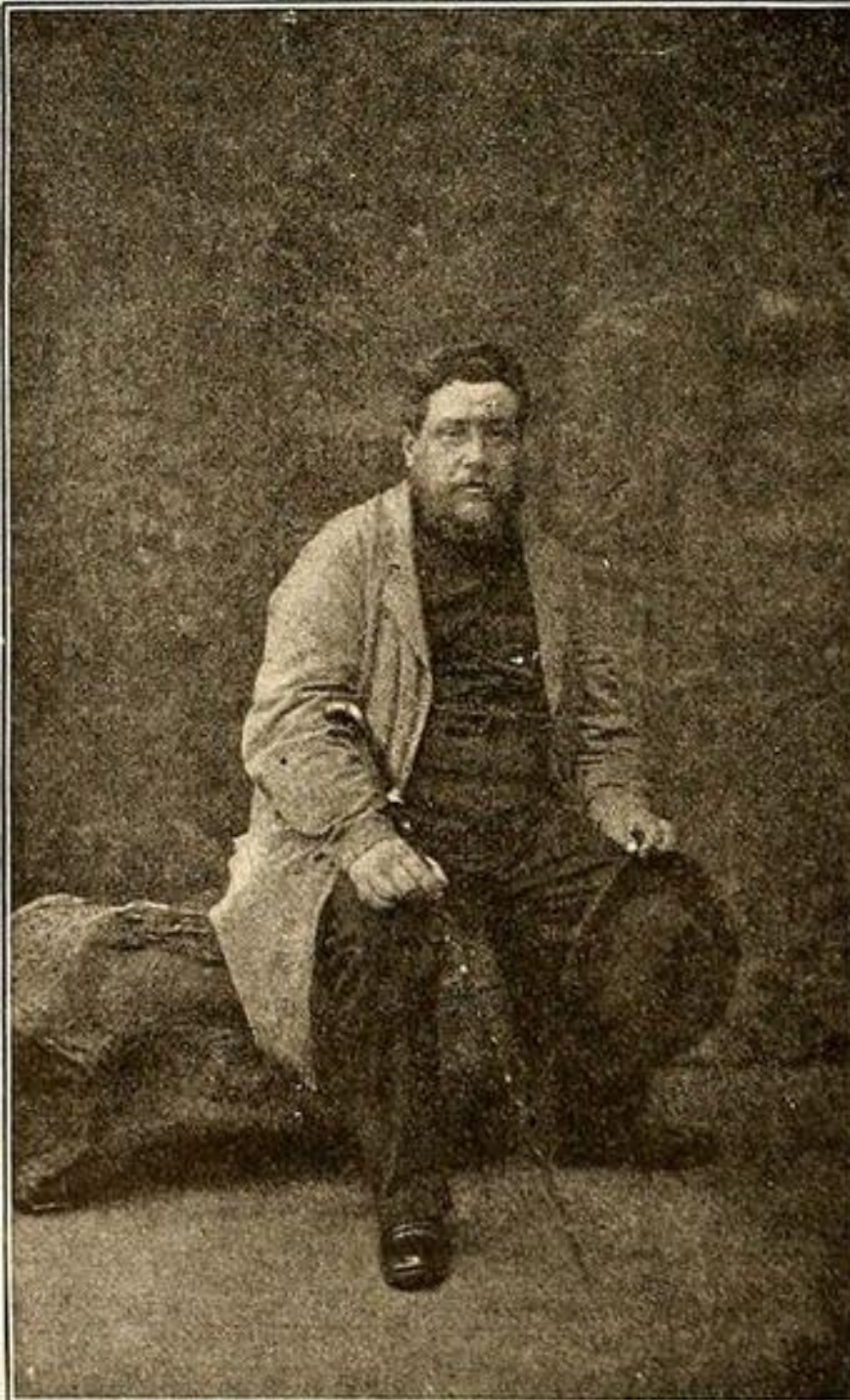
Royal Surrey Gardens Music Hall ~1856

Seating Capacity -
~10,000



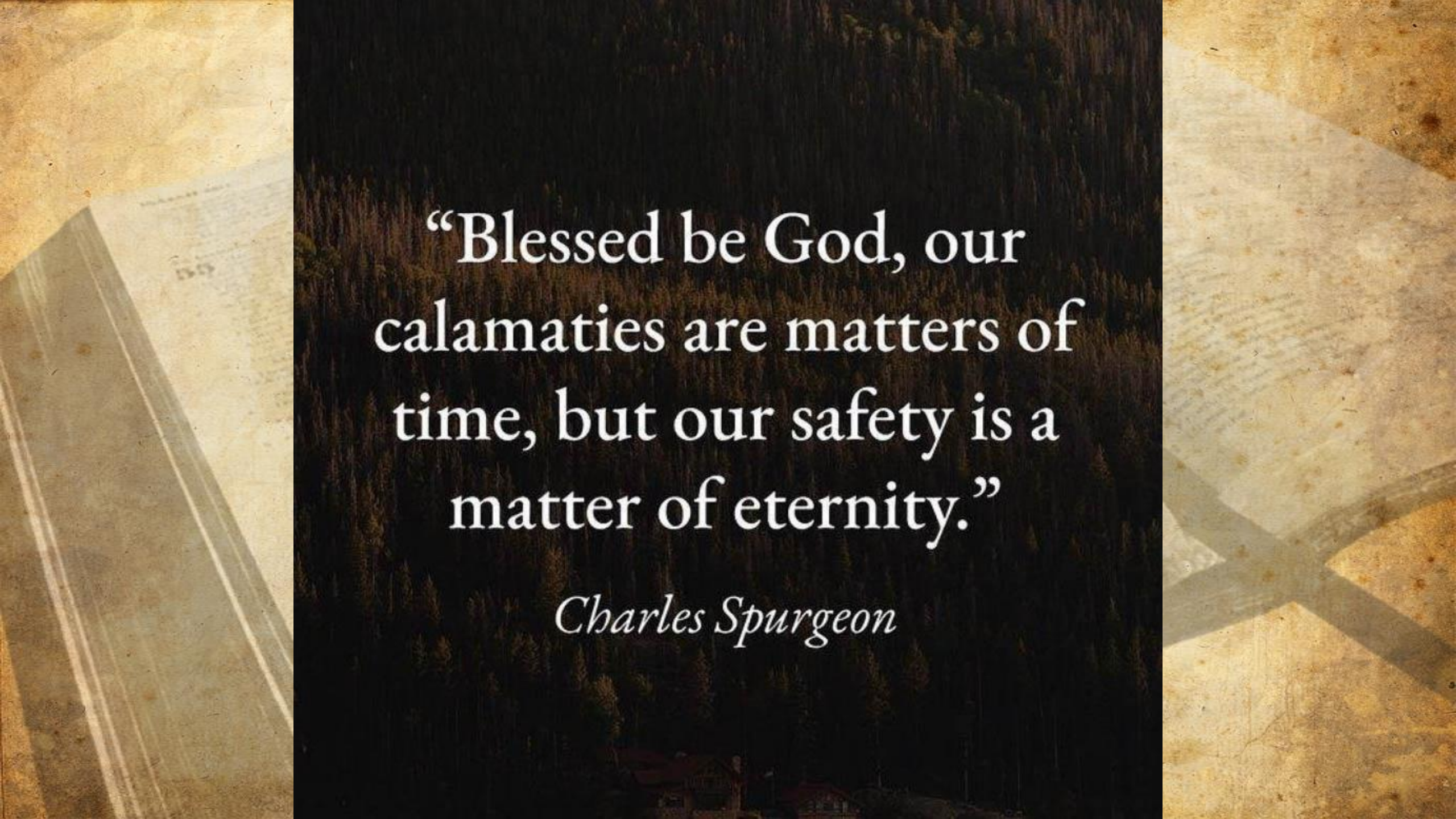
Sunday October 19,
1856, ~7000 in
attendance





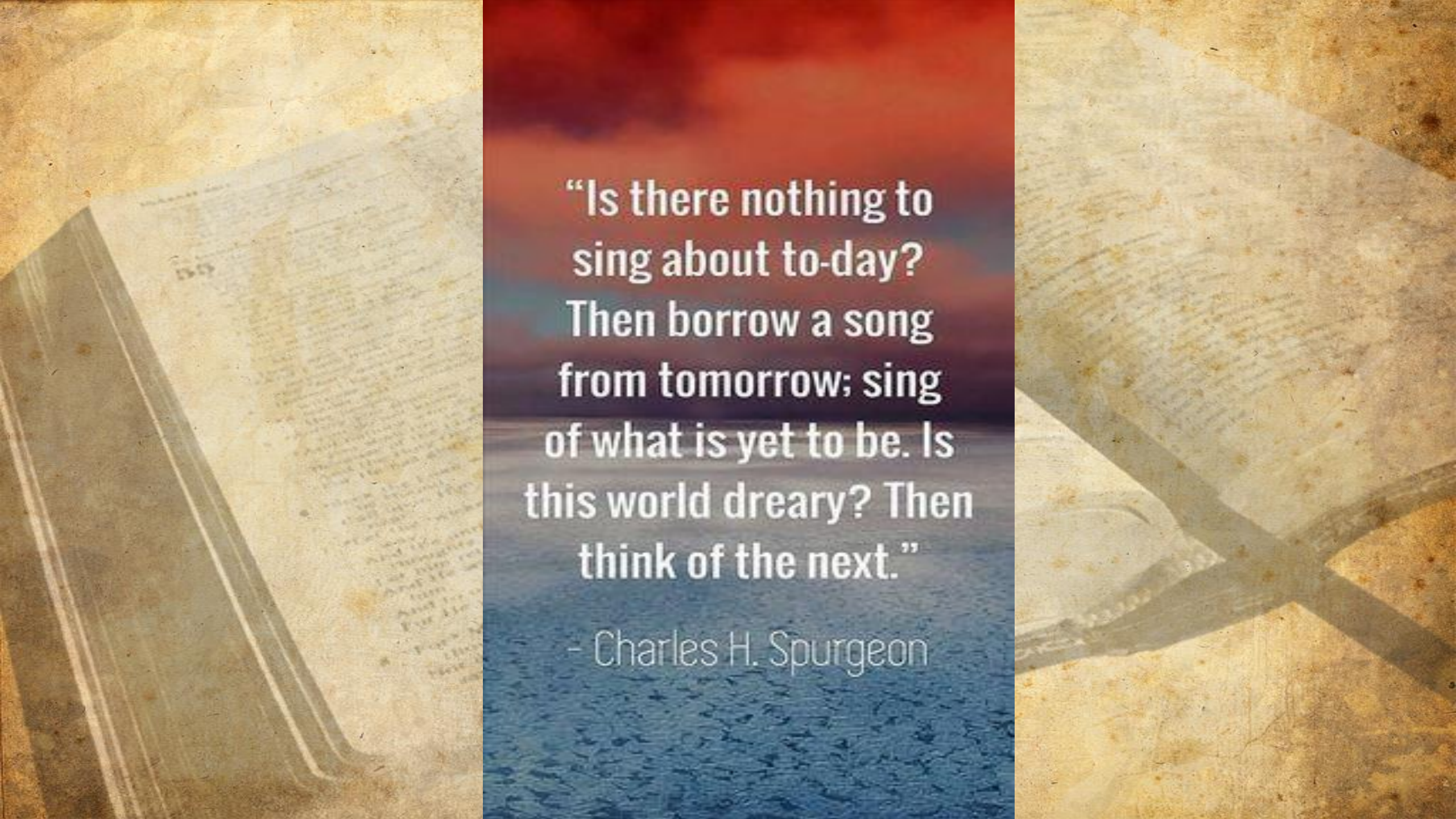
"God does not need your strength: he has more than enough of power of his own. He asks your weakness: he has none of that himself, and he is longing, therefore, to take your weakness, and use it as the instrument in his own mighty hand. Will you not yield your weakness to him, and receive his strength?"

- C.H. Spurgeon



“Blessed be God, our
calamities are matters of
time, but our safety is a
matter of eternity.”

Charles Spurgeon



**“Is there nothing to
sing about to-day?
Then borrow a song
from tomorrow; sing
of what is yet to be. Is
this world dreary? Then
think of the next.”**

- Charles H. Spurgeon



Seven Sisters



The Early Years

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Epilogue

Joshua 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Spurgeon's Three Great Conflicts

1. Media Controversy - 1850s

2. Baptism Controversy - 1864

3. Down-Grade Controversy – 1887 to 1891

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest. The road is light brown and covered with some fallen leaves. On either side of the road, there are tall, dry grasses and some evergreen trees. The background shows a dense forest of trees, some with bare branches and some with green needles. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

**A Bible that's falling apart
usually belongs to
someone who isn't.**

Charles H. Spurgeon

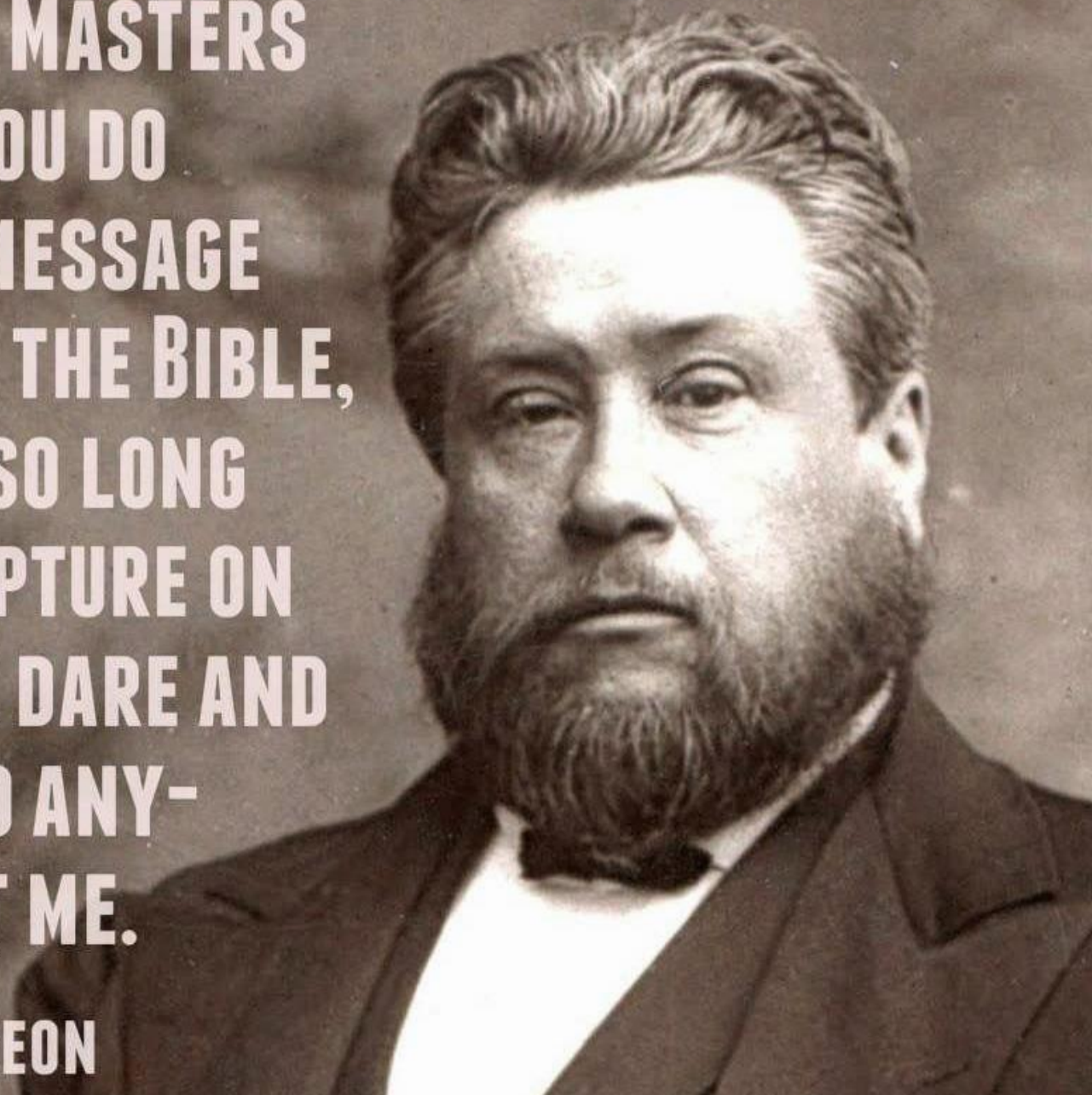


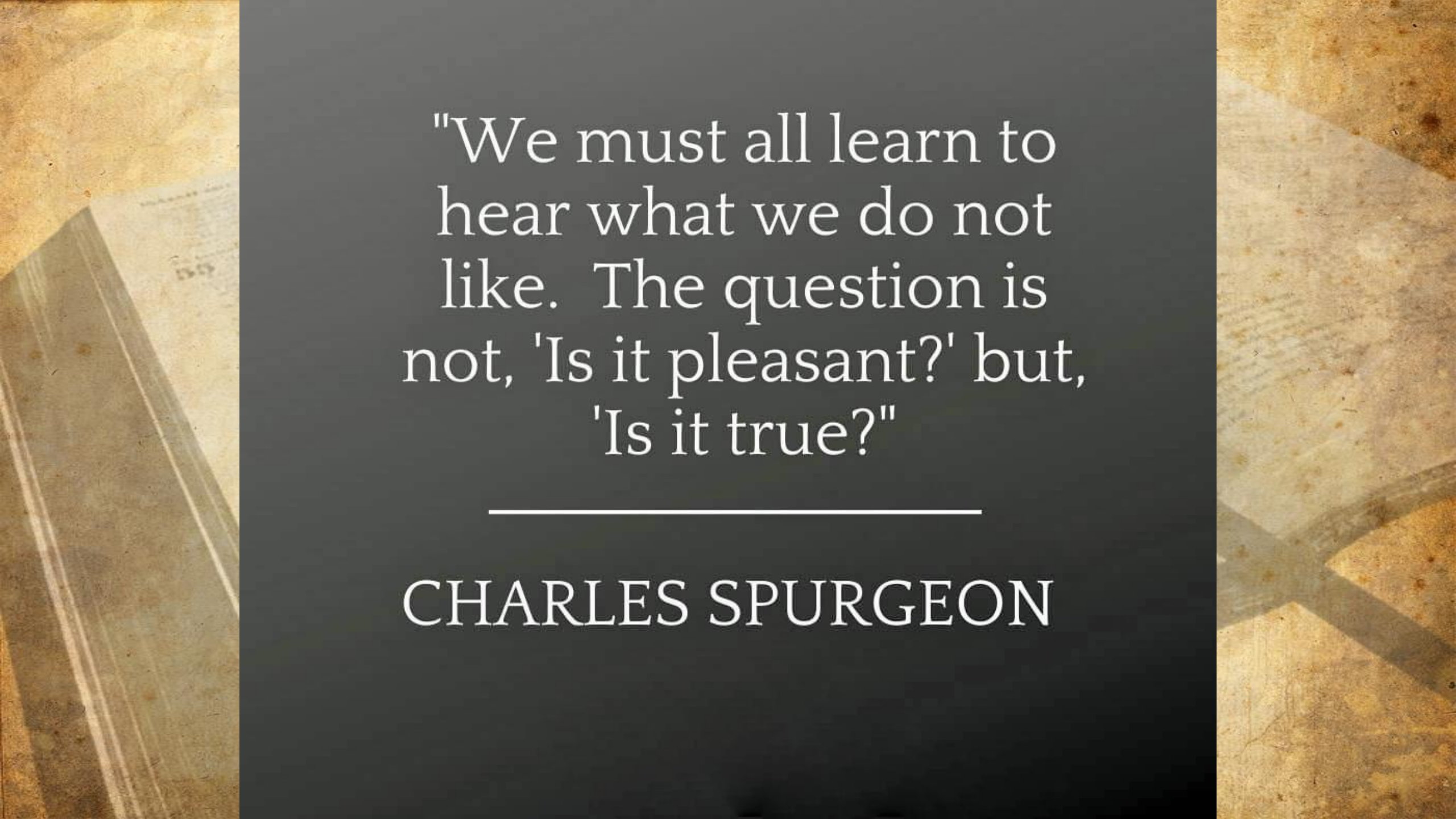
C. H. Spurgeon

“NEVER BE AFRAID
OF YOUR BIBLES.
IF THERE IS A TEXT OF
SCRIPTURE YOU DARE NOT MEET,
HUMBLE YOURSELF
TILL YOU CAN. IF YOUR
CREED AND SCRIPTURE
DO NOT AGREE,
CUT YOUR CREED TO PIECES, BUT
MAKE IT AGREE WITH THIS
BOOK. IF THERE BE
ANYTHING IN THE CHURCH
TO WHICH YOU BELONG WHICH IS
CONTRARY TO THE
INSPIRED WORD,
LEAVE THAT CHURCH.”

**I AM THE MESSENGER.
I TELL YOU THE MASTERS
MESSAGE; IF YOU DO
NOT LIKE THE MESSAGE
QUARREL WITH THE BIBLE,
NOT WITH ME; SO LONG
AS I HAVE SCRIPTURE ON
MY SIDE I WILL DARE AND
DEFY YOU TO DO ANY-
THING AGAINST ME.**

-CHARLES H. SPURGEON





"We must all learn to
hear what we do not
like. The question is
not, 'Is it pleasant?' but,
'Is it true?'"

CHARLES SPURGEON



***“Our ground of trust is not to be found
in our experience, but in the person
and work of our Lord Jesus.”***

- C.H. Spurgeon

Down-Grade



NEXT
13 MILES

STEEP GRADE
SHARP CURVES
USE LOW GEAR



Down-Grade Controversy Issues

- 1. No Formal Doctrinal Statement**
- 2. Higher Criticism – Lower View of Scripture**
- 3. Doctrinal Denial – Because of Darwin**

Baptist Union of Great Britain



Baptist Union
of Great Britain

Encouraging Missionary Disciples





"We have come to a turning-point in the road. If we turn to the right, mayhap our children and our children's children will go that way; but if we turn to the left, generations yet unborn will curse our names for having been unfaithful to God and to His Word." ~Spurgeon





(1834 - 1892)

THE SPIRITUAL
ENCOURAGER

"Pray for
your
children.
Wrestle
with God
for them
night and
day."
— C.H. Spurgeon



"TEACH THE LITTLE ONES
THE WHOLE TRUTH AND
NOTHING BUT THE
TRUTH."

CHARLES SPURGEON



Thomas Hanbury Villa

Mentone,
France



Spurgeon's Private
Secretary,
Joseph Harrald



The Last Walk



The Last Words

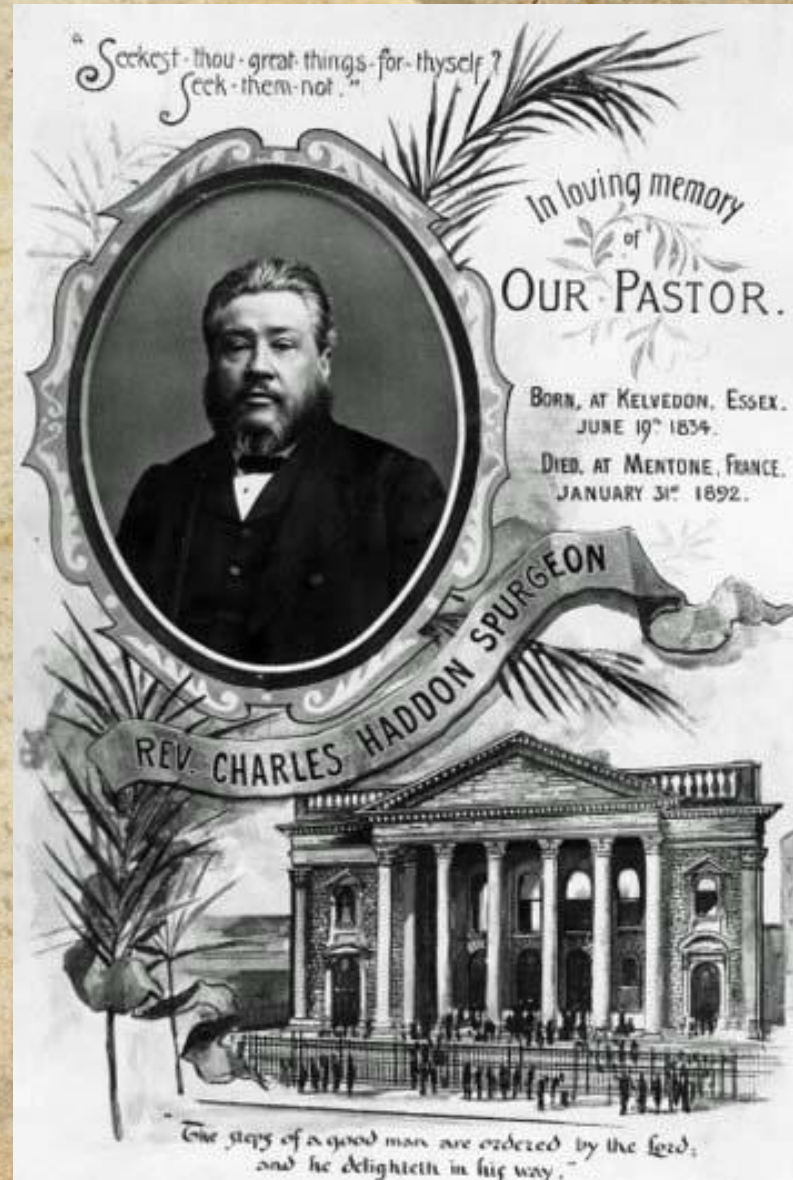
“The best moment of a Christian’s life is his last on, because it is the one that is nearest to heaven.”



Spurgeon Passes on January 31st, 1892



Spurgeon Passes on January 31st, 1892



Spurgeon Laid to Rest February 11th, 1892



Norwood Cemetery



Charlie and Susie's Tomb





The Restoration 2018

When you see my coffin carried to the silent grave, I should like every one of you, whether converted or not, to be constrained to say, "He did earnestly urge us, in plain and simple language, not to put off the consideration of eternal things. He did entreat us to look at Christ."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon
(1834 - 1892)

This tomb was lovingly restored in August 2018 so that through an appreciation of a life lived for Jesus Christ others may be reconciled to God.

(2 Corinthians 5:20)

Saint Andrews Street Baptist Church Cambridge



Waterbeach Chapel (~1900)



SPURGEON'S CHAPEL, WATERBEACH.

Waterbeach Chapel (Today)

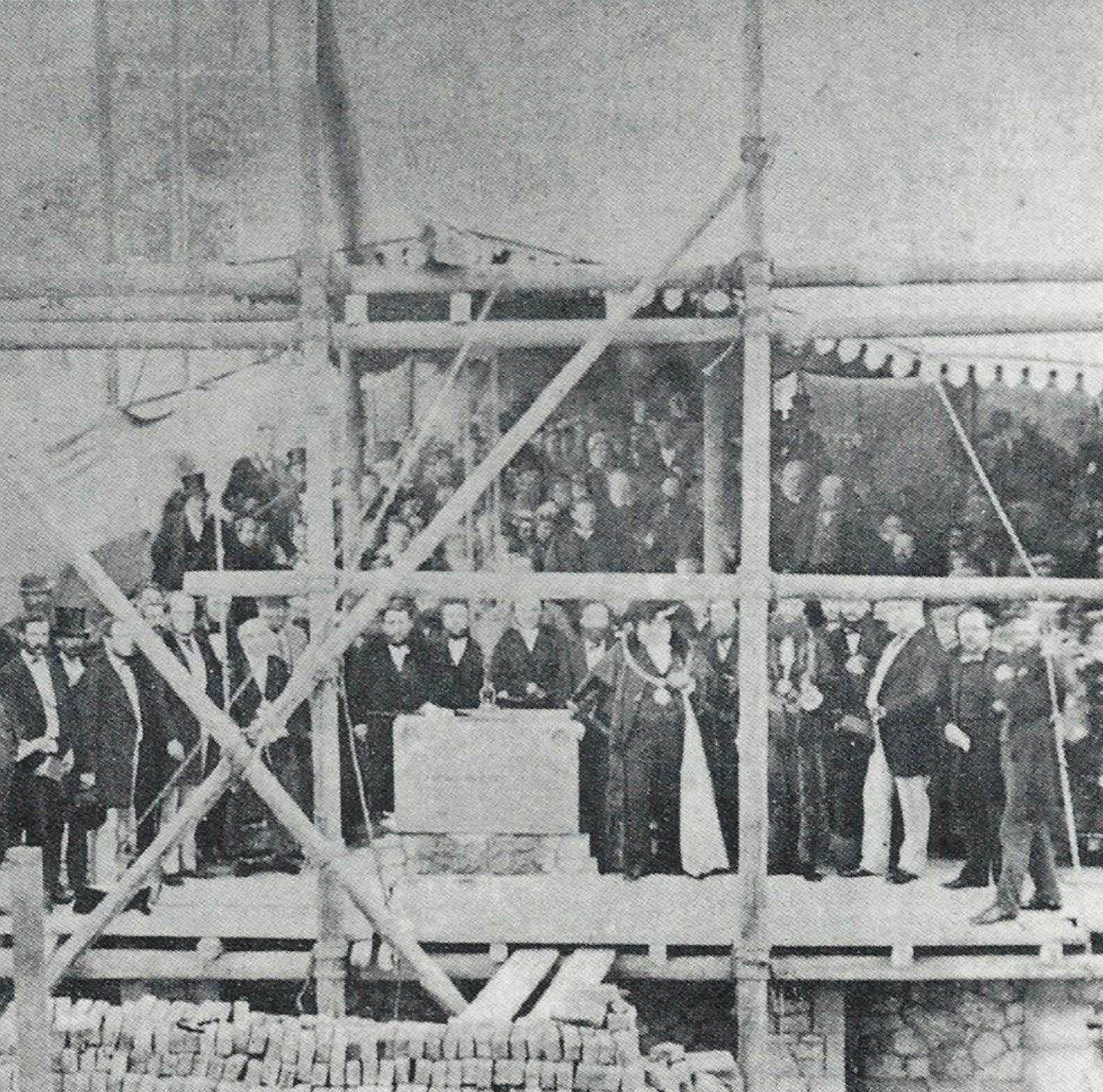




Pastors
College
(Today)



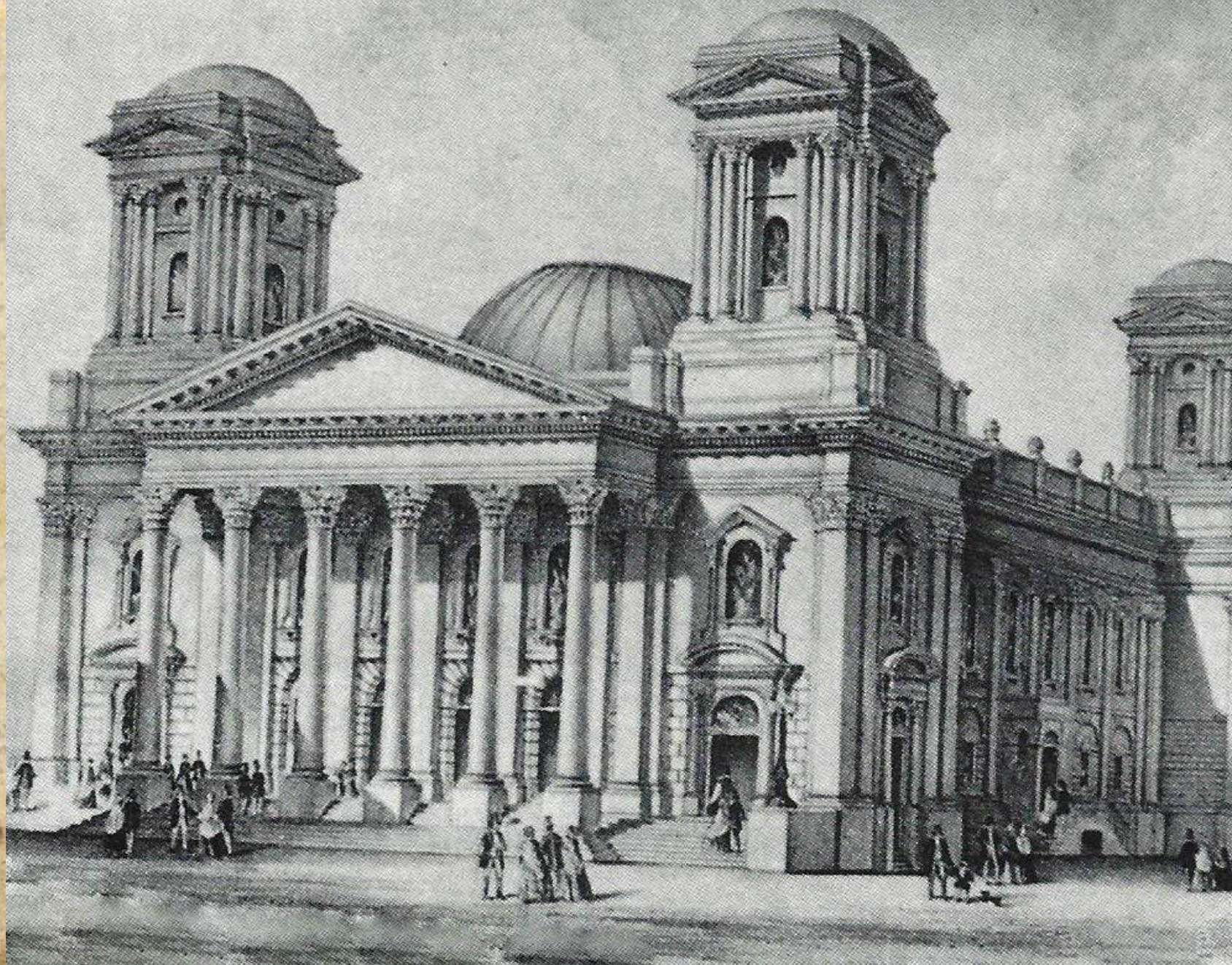
Chancellor
Rick Warren



Metropolitan
Tabernacle
Corner Stone
Laid.
(1859)

Metropolitan Tabernacle (1861)

Seating Capacity -
6,000 Seated with an
additional 1,000
standing





Thomas Spurgeon



Metropolitan Tabernacle ~1898

Thomas Spurgeon Preaching
His Father's Last Sermon
~ Our Great Captain



Metropolitan Tabernacle (Today)



Pastor Peter Masters



Metropolitan
Tabernacle
(Today)

Metropolitan Tabernacle (Today)



Some items unique to Spurgeon

1. Did not Celebrate Christmas

2. Smoked Cigar's and a Pipe

3. Was a member of the English Temperance Movement but did not support the British Prohibition Movement.

Spurgeon was unashamedly a Calvinist...

- 1. Preached from Calvin's, in his own vestments.**
- 2. Defended his Calvinist position at least three times from the pulpit of the Metropolitan Tabernacle.**
- 3. Could he be called an Extreme 5-Point Calvinist?**

Temple Baptist Constitution Statement of Faith

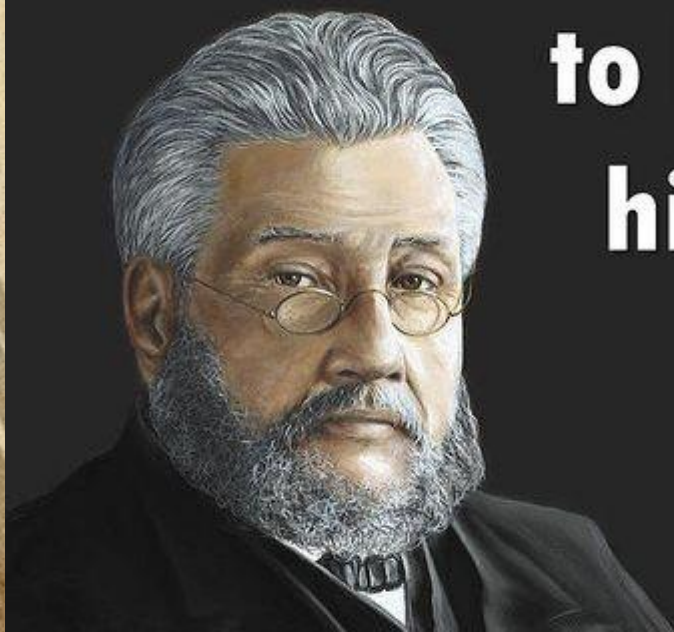
18. We do not believe in, nor will we ever be a part of modernism, neo-evangelicalism, the charismatic movement, the ecumenical movement or **extreme five-point Calvinism.** (See definitions attached)

Extreme Five Point Calvinism: Extreme Five Point Calvinism is a theological view expressed by the acronym TULIP. These letters stand for Total Depravity, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, and Perseverance of the Saints. ***This is a system of theology framed to exalt the honor and glory of God and does so by acutely minimizing the moral and spiritual responsibility of sinners. It emphasizes irresistible grace to such an extent that it creates a sense that there can appear to be no real need to evangelize the lost.***

Pastors College Evangelical Association Statement of Faith

We, as a body of men, believe in the “doctrine of grace,” what are popularly styled Calvinistic views (though we by no means bind ourselves to the teaching of Calvin, or any other uninspired man), but we do not regard as vital to our fellowship any exact agreement upon all the disputed points of any system, yet we feel that we could not receive into this our union any who do not unfeignedly believe that salvation is all of the free grace of God from first to last, and is not according to human merit, but by the undeserved favour of God. We believe in the eternal purpose of the Father, the finished redemption of the Son, and the effectual work of the Holy Ghost.

**This is the doctrine that we
preach; if a man be saved,
all the honour is to be given
to Christ; but if a man be
lost, all the blame is
to be laid upon
himself.**



C.H. Spurgeon



“I wish, my
brothers and
sisters, that
during this
year you may
live nearer
to Christ than
you have ever
done before.”
— C.H. Spurgeon

