

Charles Spurgeon Prays For A Lunatic

Another person, who was a visitor in London from Wales, who had been sadly afflicted mentally in consequence of some physical defect or disease, pleaded most piteously with his family to send for Mr. Spurgeon, that he might pray at his bedside. They considered it the foolish raving of an insane mind. But at last they consented to ask Mr. Spurgeon to visit him. Mr. Spurgeon's prayer that day had a most soothing effect upon the poor lunatic and appeared partially to restore his mental balance. The family were so surprised and delighted at the effect of the petition that, while they accredited it entirely to natural causes, they interceded most earnestly for Mr. Spurgeon's return. He came to the house the same night, after the evening service, and remained for some time, praying with all his heart for the recovery of the patient, which the poor invalid most piteously joined. Mr. Spurgeon, himself, stated afterward that while he prayed with all his heart and tried to believe that the patient would recover, yet he could not convince himself that his visit had been of any other use but simply to appease the feelings of the nurses, who were disturbed by the poor man's cries. Yet in the night after the prayers were offered, the sick man awoke with a start and a cry, which frightened his nurses. But he was found to be entirely in his right mind. He declared he had dreamed of meeting the Savior, and that the Savior had assured him that the devils were cast out. A few days after, he was able to go out of the house, and shortly afterward removed to Canada, where he has been a successful businessman, having been carried to his grave in 1882.

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