

# Jesus and the Disinherited

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## Quietness and Confidence

By Howard Thurman

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Long before I was born God was at work.

Creating life, nature and the world of men and things.

The worlds were ideas in the mind of God

That have been realizing themselves through the ages.

God is not through with creation—

God is not through with me.

In quietness and confidence shall be my strength.

"Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace."

In many ways I am getting acquainted with myself.

Always I seek a deeper understanding of my true self—

The very core of me.

What I would be and am not yet, reassures me.

Through my innermost self I find my way to God.

I shall acquaint myself with him and be at peace.

"I will fly in the greatness of God as the marsh hen flies,

Filling all the space twixt the marsh and the skies."

What I seek beyond is what I am finding within.

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The beyond is within.

The signature of God is all around me

In the rocks, in the trees, in the minds of men.

"I will fly in the greatness of God as the marsh hen flies."

"I will fear no evil; for Thou are with me."

I can never be overcome by evil

Until the evil that threatens

Moves from without....within.

This does not mean that I shall not be hurt by evil,

Shall not be frustrated by evil,

That I shall say that evil is not evil.

I shall see the travail of my own life with evil

And be unafraid.

For "Thou are with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff, they shall comfort me."