**Spurgeon’s Wit and Wisdom**

* “I would rather hear people laugh than I would see them asleep in the house of God” (*Lectures to My Students* 3:43).
* After Spurgeon’s baptism, his mother wrote him a letter: “Ah, Charles! I often prayed the Lord to make you a Christian, but I ***never*** asked that you might become a ***Baptist***.” “Ah, mother!” Spurgeon replied. “The Lord has answered your prayer with His usual bounty, and given you exceeding abundantly above what you asked or thought” (*Autobiography* 1:69).
* Every week, Spurgeon rode to his church in a carriage pulled by two horses, “Browny” and “Brandy.” On one occasion, a man came to Spurgeon’s house and accused his horses of breaking the Sabbath. Spurgeon said his horses were Jewish and worshipped on Saturday, not Sunday (Fulton, *Charles H. Spurgeon: Our Ally*, p. 237).
* <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/blog-entries/21-funniest-spurgeon-quotes/>
* “If there are any difficulties in the faith of Christ, they are not one-tenth as great as the absurdities in any system of unbelief which seeks to take its place! I do not hesitate to say that the whole doctrine of Evolution, with which many men are fascinated today, is ten thousand times more absurd than the most ridiculous travesty of what is taught in the Word of God and, that it requires more faith, and also far greater gullibility than to believe ***any*** doctrine which is deduced from Holy Scripture.”—1893, Sermon #2306
* “Let me caution you against a very common expression. I hear converts continually told ‘to give their hearts to Jesus’. It is quite correct and I hope they will do so. But your first concern must be not what ***you*** give to ***Jesus***, but what **Jesus** gives to ***you***! You must take Him from Himself as a gift to you—then will you ***truly*** give your heart to Him.”—1892, Sermon #2259
* <https://www.spurgeongems.org/quotes1.pdf>
* Spurgeon was at a conference where a preacher taught perfectionism in an outspoken manner and even claimed to have reached a state of sinless perfection himself. Spurgeon didn’t challenge him on the spot. Instead, the next morning he poured a pitcher of milk over the man’s head, to which the ‘perfectionist’ responded with the kind of rage and hostility that you’d expect from any sinner. Perfectionism debunked.
* <https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/godly-heresy-sinless-perfectionism/>
* You remember the story of the three wonders in heaven. The first wonder was that we should see so many there we did ***not*** expect to see. The second was that we should ***miss*** so many we ***did*** expect to see there. But the third wonder would be the greatest wonder of all—to see ourselves there.
* I believe the holier a man becomes, the more he mourns over the unholiness which remains in him.
* It is well to praise the Lord for his mercy when you are in ***health***, but make sure that you do it when you are ***sick***, for then your praise is more likely to be genuine.
* Love your fellowmen, and cry about them if you cannot bring them to Christ. If you cannot save them, you can weep over them. If you cannot give them a drop of cold water in hell, you can give them your heart’s tears while they are still in this body.
* Whitefield and Wesley might preach the gospel ***better*** than I do, but they could not preach a better gospel.
* I have heard of some good old woman in a cottage, who had nothing but a piece of bread and a little water. Lifting up her hands, she said as a blessing, “What! All this, and Christ too?”
* A man’s contentment is in his mind, not in the extent of his possessions. Alexander the Great, with all the world at his feet, cries for another world to conquer.
* If God requires of the sinner, dead in sin, that ***he*** should take the first step, then he requires just that which renders salvation as impossible under the gospel as it was under the law, since man is as unable to ***believe*** as he is to ***obey***.
* It always seems inexplicable to me that those who claim free will so very boldly for man should not also allow some free will to God. Why should not Jesus Christ have the right to choose his own bride?
* There is no learning sympathy except by suffering. It cannot be studied from a book, it must be written on the heart.
* Our infirmities become the black velvet on which the diamond of God’s love glitters all the more brightly.
* [https://theblazingcenter.com/2018/10/charles-spurgeon-quotes.html#covenant](https://theblazingcenter.com/2018/10/charles-spurgeon-quotes.html)

Sermon: The Golden Key of Prayer

“*Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”* — Jeremiah 33:3

Some of the most learned works in the world smell of the midnight oil; but the most spiritual, and most comforting books and sayings of men usually have a savor about them of prison damp. I might quote many instances: John Bunyan's Pilgrim may suffice instead of a hundred others; and this good text of ours, all moldy and chill with the prison in which Jeremiah lay, hath nevertheless a brightness and a beauty about it, which it might never have had if it had not come as a cheering word to the prisoner of the Lord, shut up in the court of the prison-house. God's people have always in their worst condition found out the best of their God.  He is good at all times; but he seemeth to be at His best when they are at their worst. “

Spurgeon, Charles. *C H Spurgeon's Prayers* (p. 153).