

Faith of Our Fathers

We can never overstate the greatness of Christ. As the preeminent person in history and in the church, He is worthy of our love and our praise.

In his book *The Pursuit of God*, A. W. Tozer paid tribute to Frederick Faber, the Englishman who penned the song "Faith of Our Fathers." Tozer said of Faber, "His love for the person of Christ was so intense that it threatened to consume him; it burned within him and flowed from his lips like molten gold." In one of Faber's sermons, he said, "Wherever we turn in the Kingdom of God, there is Jesus. He is the beginning, middle, and end of everything to us. There is nothing good, nothing holy, nothing beautiful, nothing joyous which He is not to His servants. No one need be downcast, for Jesus is the joy of heaven, and it is His joy to enter into sorrowful hearts. We can exaggerate about many things, but we can never exaggerate our obligation to Jesus, or the compassionate abundance of the love of Jesus to us. All our lives long we might talk of Jesus, and yet we should never come to an end of the sweet things that might be said of Him."

When we submit to Jesus' Lordship, we must give Him more than just our worship; we must give Him our lives. We are alive because He gave us life; we will live forever because He gave us His life. Our fathers traveled by foot and by carriage in rain, frost, and blistering heat to gather to worship Jesus in barns, basements, and brush arbors. The faith of our fathers carried them through the toils of this life to Paradise beyond. And if we ever want to see our fathers in the faith again, we will by faith labor as steadily and sacrificially as did they. Their love for Jesus moved them to give their lives to Him. What will you give to our Lord?

Col. 1:13-22