

A New Year's Benediction¹

Sermon preached by C. H. SPURGEON, January 1st, 1860

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But the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you —1 Peter 5:10 (KJV)

Introduction:

I. _____ the Apostle _____

A. Setting

Job 5:7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

B. Jewels

1. _____

“**Water**” is a diamond’s degree of *brilliance*; so a **diamond of the first water** is particularly brilliant.

2. _____

3. _____

“**Firing**” a horse = *pin firing*, longstanding but controversial practice thought by some to strengthen horses’ legs.

4. _____

a. In **doctrine**

George Whitfield (1714-1770) — preacher and outdoor evangelist

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Protean — like the mythical Greek sea-god *Proteus*, able to change shape at will

b. In _____

c. In _____ and designs

Molluscuous — like a *mollusk*, a spineless, soft-bodied animal such as a clam or octopus.

II. _____ the Apostle _____ ed That His Prayer Would Be Heard

A. He Asked It of the _____ of _____

B. God Hath _____ Us

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

C. God Hath Called Us *Unto His* _____

“Jordan’s waves” = death

D. God Hath Called Us to His Eternal Glory _____

“Trow”=believe, think, trust