

Grace of the King

A shepherd who had been given a position of great honor by one of Scotland's kings would often go alone to a certain room in the palace. The king became suspicious and thought he was plotting a conspiracy. So he asked to look inside this secret room.

There, to his surprise, he found only a chair, a shepherd's crook and an old plaid scarf.

"What does this mean?" the king asked.

The nobleman answered, "I was a humble shepherd when Your Majesty promoted me. I come to this room to look at the crook and the plaid. They remind me of what I was – and that I am nothing but what the grace of the king has made me."

All of us who trust in Jesus should take a backward look often. It will fill us with praise that God should send His Son to die for us.

As did the shepherd, we can say, "I am nothing but what the grace of the King has made me."

--Beecher Hunter