

Instead of the Brier Shall Come Up the Myrtle Tree

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God can transform our painful experiences into beautiful memorials of peace and goodness by giving us the grace to heal and reconcile with others.

Scripture: Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 55:13, Matthew 5:9, Luke 4:18, Romans 12:18, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, Galatians 6:1, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13, James 3:18

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Description

A.B. Simpson emphasizes that God transforms our deepest pains and grievances into beautiful memorials of peace and goodness. He encourages us to bring our sorrows, strained relationships, and regrets to God for healing and reconciliation. By allowing God's grace to work in our lives, we can experience joy and blessings from our past hurts. Simpson reminds us that as peacemakers, we reflect Christ's work of reconciling the estranged and healing the brokenhearted. Ultimately, we are called to actively participate in mending the wounds of a sorrowing world.

Transcript

God's sweetest memorial is the transformed thorn and thistle blooming with flowers of peace and goodness where once recriminations grew. God is waiting to make just such memorials in your life out of the things that are hurting you most today. Take the grievances, the separations, the strained friendships and the broken ties which have been the sorrow and heartbreak of your life and let God heal them. Allow Him to give you grace that can make you right with all those with whom you have been wrong. You will wonder at the joy and, blessing that will come out of the things that have caused you nothing but regret and pain.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God (Matthew 5:9).

The everlasting employment of our blessed Redeemer is to reconcile the guilty and the estranged from God. The highest and most Christlike work that we can do is to be like Him. Shall we go forth to dry the tears of a sorrowing world, to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up the wounds of human lives, and to unite heart to heart and earth to heaven?

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