

Receiving Suffering

by Mary Wilder Tileston

Mary Wilder Tileston teaches that receiving suffering is a way to offer it as a sacrifice to God, bringing dignity and purpose to what might otherwise be painful and annoying.

Scripture: Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 7:4, Matthew 16:24, Philippians 4:6, 1 Peter 5:7

Topics: "Suffering And Trials", "Surrender To God"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the importance of maintaining a calm and unwavering spirit in the face of trials and suffering, finding delight in God's presence and His will. She encourages offering up daily struggles as sacrifices to God, embracing them with dignity and purpose rather than resisting them. By surrendering to God and accepting suffering willingly, one can find that the burden becomes lighter and more bearable.

Transcript

Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint-hearted.

--ISAIAH 7:4

THOUGH everything without fall into confusion, and though thy body be in pain and suffering, and thy soul in desolation and distress, yet let thy spirit be unmoved by it all, placid and serene, delighted in and with its God inwardly, and with His good pleasure outwardly.

--GERHARD TERSTEEGEN

To say each morning, "I must have things weariful, painful, to bear to-day, and they shall all be offered up beforehand as my heart's sacrifice; they shall be, not fought against, but received calmly and as welcome, for His sake who suffers them to come," gives a dignity, a purpose, nay, a very joy to what otherwise is all cheerless annoyance.

--H. L. SIDNEY LEAR

As soon as anything presents itself to your mind as a suffering, and you feel a repugnance to it, resign yourself immediately to God with respect to it; give yourself up to Him in sacrifice, and you will find that, when the cross arrives, it will not be so very burdensome, because you had disposed yourself to a willing reception of it.

--MADAME GUYON

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