

All Tears of Godly Sorrow Drop From the Eye of Faith

by Thomas Brooks

Godly sorrow is the fruit of evangelical faith, flowing from a look of faith upon a pierced Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 51:17, Isaiah 53:5, Zechariah 12:10, Matthew 5:4, Luke 22:62, John 19:37, Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Hebrews 12:2, 1 John 1:9

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that all godly sorrow stems from evangelical faith, illustrating that true mourning arises from a heartfelt gaze upon the pierced Christ. He explains that the depth of one's sorrow correlates with the depth of faith, as the more one perceives Christ's wounds, the more one mourns for their sins. Brooks asserts that God's free love and mercy, revealed through Christ, is the source of all genuine sorrow, as it compels the heart to lament over sin. He contrasts the fear of condemnation with the transformative power of witnessing a bleeding Savior, which evokes sincere mourning in the believer's heart.

Transcript

"They shall look upon Him whom they have pierced--and shall mourn." Zechariah 12:10

All godly sorrow is the fruit and effect of evangelical faith.

Godly sorrow flows from faith--as the stream from the fountain, the branch from the root, and the effect from the cause. All gracious mourning flows from looking, from believing. Nothing breaks the heart of a sinner like a look of faith. All tears of godly sorrow drop from the eye of faith. Godly sorrow rises and falls--as faith rises and falls. The more a man is

able by faith to look upon a pierced Christ--the more his heart will mourn over all the dishonors which he has done to Christ. The more deep and wide the wounds are, which faith shows me in the heart and sides of Christ--the more my heart will be wounded for sinning against Christ.

The free love and favor of God, and His unspeakable goodness and mercy manifested in Jesus Christ to poor sinners--is the very spring and fountain of all evangelical sorrow. Nothing breaks the heart of a poor sinner like the sight of God's free love in Christ, the Redeemer. A man cannot seriously look upon the firstness, the freeness, the greatness, the unchangeableness, the everlastingness, and the matchlessness of God's free favor and love in Christ--with a hard heart, or with dry eyes! It is only such a love as this, which sets the soul a-mourning and a-lamenting over a crucified Christ.

The fears of wrath, of hell, and of condemnation--works unsound hearts to mourn. But it is the sight of a bleeding, dying Savior--which sets sincere, gracious souls a-mourning.

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