

# All the Afflictions, Troubles and Evils

by Thomas Brooks

---

*God uses afflictions to work together for the good of His people, revealing and curing spiritual diseases.*

**Scripture:** Romans 8:28, James 1:2

**Topics:** "Afflictions", "Spiritual Growth"

---

## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that God uses afflictions, troubles, and evils as a means to purify His people, much like an apothecary uses one poison to eliminate another. These hardships serve multiple purposes: revealing, preventing, embittering, mortifying sin, and reviving and increasing the graces of His children. Brooks illustrates this with a story of a man whose attempt to harm another inadvertently led to healing, paralleling how God's trials ultimately lead to spiritual growth and healing. He reassures that all things work together for the good of those who love God, reinforcing the idea that afflictions are part of His divine plan for believers.

---

## Transcript

As the apothecary makes one poison to drive out another poison--so can God make the poison of afflictions, to drive out the poison of sin. All the afflictions, troubles and evils which befall the people of God, work together for their good; for God uses these afflictions . . .

- to reveal sin;
- to prevent sin;
- to embitter sin;
- to mortify sin;
- to revive His children's decayed graces;

to exercise His children's graces;

to increase His children's graces.

I have read a story of Pereus, who, attempting  
to kill another with a thrust of a sword, only  
pierced and opened his abscess; and so he was  
instrumental to save him, whom he designed  
to have killed!

Just so, all the afflictions and troubles which  
the righteous meet with--they do but serve  
to cure them . . .

of the abscess of pride, or

of the abscess of earthly-mindedness, or

of the abscess of self-love, or

of the abscess of hypocrisy.

"And we know that in all things God works for  
the good of those who love Him, who have been  
called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

---

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/thomas-brooks/all-the-afflictions-troubles-and-evils/>

# *Grow in Your Walk with Christ*

---

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

**[www.sermonindex.net](http://www.sermonindex.net)**