

All the Afflictions, Troubles, and Trials

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon emphasizes the importance of heeding the rod, which reports God's message about the nature of sin, the world, and our place in it.

Scripture: Psalm 119:67, Micah 6:9, Hebrews 12:6, James 1:2

Topics: "Affliction", "God's Discipline"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the significance of recognizing God's hand in our afflictions, urging believers to heed the rod of discipline that God appoints. He explains that the rod serves as a reminder of the gravity of sin, the fleeting nature of worldly comforts, and the glory of heaven and the preciousness of Christ. Brooks encourages the congregation to believe the report that the rod makes, which reveals the true nature of sin and the vanity of earthly pursuits. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper understanding of God's purposes in our trials and a greater appreciation for the eternal truths of faith.

Transcript

"Heed the rod and the One who appointed it." Micah 6:9

It is God who appoints the rod, and ordains it to do what service He pleases. It is God who has an active hand, in all the afflictions which come upon His people.

"Heed the rod," that is, "believe the report the rod makes."

The rod reports, that of all evils sin is the greatest evil; and that of all bitters, sin is the greatest bitter. Oh believe the report of the rod! The rod reports, that God is angry, that God is displeased. Oh believe its report! The rod reports the creature to be mere vanity and vexation of spirit. Oh believe its report! The rod reports our nearest and dearest

comforts, contentments, and enjoyments to be mixed,
mutable, and momentary. Oh believe its report!

The rod reports . . .

sin to be vile, and

the world to be vain, and

heaven to be glorious, and

Christ to be most precious!

Oh believe its report!

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