

An Ever-Present Help in Trouble

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The divine presence of God is the greatest mercy in the world, providing comfort, strength, and refuge in times of trouble.

Scripture: Joshua 1:5, Psalm 46:1, Psalm 46:7, Isaiah 43:1-3

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the profound comfort and assurance found in God's ever-present help during times of trouble. He reflects on Isaiah 43:1-3, highlighting that God's presence is a unique and invaluable mercy that enhances all other blessings in life. Brooks encourages believers to be grateful for this divine companionship, especially in their darkest moments, as it brings peace and strength to the soul. He reminds the congregation that God's promise to be with us is a source of hope and security, urging them to continually praise Him for His unwavering support.

Transcript

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior!" Isaiah 43:1-3

This divine presence is the greatest good in the world. The people of the Lord should be very thankful for His presence with them in their greatest troubles and deepest distresses. O Sirs! this divine presence is a great mercy.

It is a special mercy, it is a distinguishing mercy, it is a big-bellied mercy--which has many mercies in its womb. It is a mercy-greatening mercy; it greatens all the mercies we enjoy. It is a mercy-sweetening mercy; it sweetens health, strength, riches, honors, trade, relations, etc. It is a soul-mercy, a mercy which reaches the soul, which cheers the soul, which lifts up the soul, which quiets the soul, which satisfies the soul, and which will go to heaven with the soul. Will you not be thankful for such a mercy? Will you be thankful for temporal mercies--and will you not be thankful for spiritual mercies? To enjoy the presence of God when we most need it, is a mercy which deserves perpetual praises. It is the greatest mercy in this world, to enjoy the gracious presence of God in our great troubles and desperate dangers. Therefore be much in blessing God, and in admiring God--for His presence with you in a dark and trying day.

"I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." Joshua 1:5

"The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!" Psalm 46:7

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

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