

Everything on This Side Hell Is Mercy

by Thomas Brooks

A humble heart is a heart that recognizes the mercy of God in all things, and remains silent before Him.

Scripture: Psalm 147:6, Proverbs 16:18, Isaiah 57:15, Lamentations 3:22-23, Matthew 5:5, Romans 12:3, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 2:3, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5-6

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the significance of humility in the life of a believer, urging individuals to recognize their unworthiness and the mercy they receive from God. He explains that a humble heart perceives even the smallest mercies as great gifts and views afflictions with a sense of peace, understanding that everything outside of hell is a form of mercy. Brooks contrasts the humble soul's quiet acceptance with the prideful person's contention and unrest, highlighting that true humility leads to contentment and silence before God. He encourages believers to labor daily to cultivate humility, which allows them to appreciate God's grace amidst life's challenges.

Transcript

Oh! labor every day to be more humble and more low and little in your own eyes. 'Who am I,' says the humble soul--'but that God should cross me in this mercy, and take away that mercy, and pass a sentence of death upon every mercy? I am not worthy of the least mercy, I deserve not a crumb of mercy, I have forfeited every mercy.' Only by pride comes contention. It is only pride that puts men upon contending with God and men. A humble soul will lie quiet at the foot of God, it

will be contented with bare necessities. A dinner of green herbs relishes well with the humble man's palate; whereas a stalled ox is but a coarse dish to a proud man's stomach.

A humble heart thinks none less than himself, nor none worse than himself.

A humble heart looks upon small mercies as great mercies; and great afflictions as small afflictions; and small afflictions as no afflictions; and therefore sits mute and quiet under all. Do but keep humble, and you will keep silent before the Lord.

Pride kicks, and flings, and frets; but a humble man has still his hand upon his mouth. Everything on this side hell is mercy--much mercy, rich mercy to a humble soul; and therefore he remains mute under the smarting rod.

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