

God Takes Away the Creature

by Thomas Brooks

God takes away our outward mercies, natural strength, and the creature so that we may prize and appreciate spiritual and heavenly things more.

Scripture: Psalm 73:25

Topics: "Dependence On God", "Value of Spiritual Blessings"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that God sometimes removes earthly comforts and securities from His people to help them recognize the true value of spiritual and heavenly blessings. By taking away what is temporary, believers are encouraged to seek and appreciate their Savior more deeply. Brooks highlights that true satisfaction comes not from worldly possessions but from a relationship with God, who is the ultimate source of strength and fulfillment. He reminds us that even in our weakness, God remains our portion forever.

Transcript

("A Believer's Last Day, His Best Day")

Diogenes noted the folly of the men of his time--that they undervalued the best things--but overvalued the worst things. Ah, that this were not the sin and shame of professors in these days!

God sometimes strips His people of their nearest and dearest outward mercies--that they may the more prize, and the better taste--of spiritual and heavenly mercies.

God takes away uncertain riches--that His people may the more prize certain riches!

God takes away natural strength--that His

people may the more prize spiritual strength!

God takes away the creature--that His

people may more prize their Savior.

Spiritual and heavenly things can alone satisfy

the soul. The language of a godly man is this,

"Ah, Lord! the good things which I have from

You, though they may refresh me--yet they

cannot satisfy me without Yourself!"

"Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth

has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and

my heart may fail, but God is the strength of

my heart and my portion forever!" Ps. 73:25-26

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