

Growth in Grace

by Thomas Brooks

God uses trials to increase grace in His people's souls, despite opposition from men and devils.

Scripture: James 1:2

Topics: "Spiritual Growth", "Trials and Suffering"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that spiritual growth in grace often occurs through divine methods that may initially seem to hinder rather than help. He compares the necessity of winter for a fruitful harvest to the role of fiery trials in enhancing grace within believers. Despite the challenges and sufferings faced, these experiences ultimately transform small sparks of grace into a powerful flame. Brooks reassures that no external forces can prevent God from fostering holiness, humility, and other virtues in His people. The message encourages believers to embrace trials as a means of deepening their faith and character.

Transcript

Commonly the Christian's spiritual growth in grace,
is carried on by such divine methods, and in such
ways as might seem to deaden grace, and weaken
it--rather than any ways to augment and increase it.
We know that winter is as necessary to bring on
harvest, as the spring; and so fiery trials are as
necessary to bring on the harvest of grace, as the
spring of mercy is. Though fiery trials are grievous;
yet they shall make the saints more gracious. God
usually, by sharp sufferings, turns His people's . . .
sparks of grace into a mighty flame;
their mites into millions;

their drops into seas.

All the devils in hell, and all the sinners on earth, cannot hinder the Lord from carrying on the growth of grace in His people's souls. When men and devils have done their worst, God will, by all sorts of providences, and all sorts of changes--make His people more and more holy, and more and more humble, and more and more meek and lowly, and more and more heavenly, wise, faithful, fruitful, sincere, courageous, etc.

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