

# He Strives to Make All as Miserable and Unhappy as Himself

by Thomas Brooks

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*Christians must seek assurance with all their might to counter the efforts of Satan, who strives to keep them miserable and unhappy.*

**Scripture:** Romans 8:31, 1 John 5:13

**Topics:** "Assurance", "Spiritual Warfare"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the vital role of assurance in a Christian's life, portraying it as essential sustenance and protection against the adversities posed by Satan. He illustrates how assurance serves as a remedy for spiritual ailments and a source of strength, while warning that the enemy strives to keep believers from attaining this assurance, seeking to spread misery and unhappiness. Brooks urges Christians to earnestly pursue this assurance, likening it to a precious 'white stone' that brings peace amidst turmoil.

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## Transcript

Satan knows that assurance is the Christian's . . .

manna in a wilderness,

water out of a rock,

a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

He knows that assurance is . . .

a salve for all sores,

a medicine for all diseases,

a remedy against every malady.

He knows that assurance is the Christian's . . .

anchor at sea,

shield upon land;  
staff to support him,  
sword to defend him,  
pavilion to hide him,  
cordial to cheer him.

And therefore it is that he labors, both as  
a lion and as a serpent, to keep poor souls  
from a well-grounded assurance.

This son of the morning has fallen from the top  
of glory to the bottom of misery, and therefore  
he strives to make all as miserable and  
unhappy as himself.

Ah! Christians, have not you need to seek assurance  
with all your might, who have to do with so mighty  
an adversary, who cares not what torments he heaps  
upon himself, so that he may prove your tormentor,  
by keeping your souls and assurance asunder? Oh that  
this very consideration might make you restless, until  
you have got this "white stone" in your bosoms!

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