

# He Who Has Deserved a Hanging

by Thomas Brooks

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*We should not complain when punished for our sins because we have deserved a damning and God's punishment is a reflection of our sin, but also a display of His mercy and love.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 94:12, Proverbs 3:11, Lamentations 3:39, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 12:6

**Topics:** "Divine Justice", "Mercy and Discipline"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the concept of divine justice, arguing that those who have sinned and deserve punishment should not complain when they face consequences. He uses the analogy of a person deserving a hanging who should not blame the judge for cruelty if they only receive a lesser punishment. Similarly, he points out that we, who deserve condemnation, should not accuse God of harshness when we experience discipline instead of ultimate judgment. This perspective encourages humility and gratitude for God's mercy in our lives.

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## Transcript

"Why should any living man complain when punished for his sins?" Lamentations 3:39

He who has deserved a hanging has no reason to charge the judge with cruelty--if he escapes with a whipping!

And we who have deserved a damning have no reason to charge God for being too severe--if we escape with a fatherly lashing!

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