

# However Harsh His Hand May Be

by Thomas Brooks

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*God's love for His people remains constant and unchanged despite afflictions, and is based on His own free grace and goodness.*

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 8:38

**Topics:** "God's Love", "Affliction and Grace"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that God's afflictions do not alter His unwavering love for His people. Despite the harshness of His hand, God's affections remain constant, as His love is rooted in His own grace rather than in our worthiness. He illustrates this with the example of Munster, who viewed his suffering as God's precious adornments. Brooks reassures that God's love is everlasting and not dependent on our actions, affirming that He loves us simply because He chooses to love us.

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## Transcript

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None of God's afflictions upon His people ever make any change or alteration of God's affections towards His people.

However harsh His hand may be against them--

yet His love, His heart, His favor, His affections--are still one and the same to them.

When Munster lay sick, and his friends asked him how he felt? He pointed to his sores and ulcers, whereof he was full, and said, "These are God's gems and jewels with which he decks His best friends; and to me they are more precious than all the gold and silver in the

world!"

God's dear love to His people is not founded upon anything good in His people, nor upon anything good which is done by His people--but only upon His own free grace and goodness!

What could move the holy God to love us, who are poor, worthless, fruitless sinners? This question is best resolved in these words, "He loves us because He loves us!" The root of His love to us lies in Himself! God's love to His people is a lasting love, yes, an everlasting love! It is a love which never decays nor waxes cold. "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness."

Jeremiah 31:3

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