

# If Our Afflictions Are So Sanctified

by Thomas Brooks

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*Afflictions are sent in love to draw us closer to God and increase our love, courage, patience, faith, and hope.*

**Scripture:** Romans 5:3

**Topics:** "Affliction", "Divine Love"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that afflictions, when sanctified, serve to deepen our love, fear, and commitment to the Lord. He asserts that such trials are not merely burdens but are the wounds of a friend, intended to strengthen our faith, patience, and hope. By viewing our struggles through this lens, we can recognize them as acts of divine love that ultimately draw us closer to God.

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## Transcript

If our afflictions are so sanctified as that  
they draw out our soul . . .  
to love the Lord more, and  
to fear the Lord more, and  
to please the Lord more, and  
to cleave to the Lord more, and  
to wait on the Lord more, and  
to walk with the Lord more--  
then they are sent in love. Oh, then they are  
the wounds of a friend indeed!  
If the afflictions that are upon us do . . .  
increase our courage,  
strengthen our patience,

raise our faith,  
inflame our love, and  
enliven our hopes--  
certainly they are sent in love, and all  
our wounds are the wounds of a friend.

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