

Keep a Fixed Eye Upon a Bleeding Christ

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon emphasizes the importance of keeping a fixed eye on Christ's sufferings to overcome fear, doubt, and sin.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 11:28, Romans 8:1, Hebrews 12:2, 1 Peter 2:24

Topics: "Healing through Suffering", "Focus on Christ"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the importance of focusing on the sufferings of Christ as a source of refuge and strength during times of fear, doubt, and temptation. He encourages believers to turn their gaze towards the crucified Savior, who bore their sins and offers healing for their wounded consciences. Brooks reminds Christians that by keeping a fixed eye on a bleeding Christ, they can find comfort and solace amidst their trials and tribulations. He warns against the tendency to dwell on personal struggles rather than on the redemptive work of Jesus, which can lead to greater despair. Ultimately, he calls for a continual meditation on Christ's wounds as the remedy for all soul troubles.

Transcript

Has Jesus Christ suffered such great and grievous things
for you? Oh then, in all your fears, doubts, and conflicts
with enemies, within or without--fly to the sufferings of
Christ as your city of refuge!
In every temptation let us look up to a crucified Christ,
who is fitted and qualified to support tempted souls. Oh
my soul, whenever you are assaulted, let the wounds of
Christ be your city of refuge where you may fly and live!
Let us learn, in every trouble which presses us--whether
it be sin, temptation, or any other evil--to translate it

from ourselves to Christ! And all the good in Christ--let us learn to translate it from Christ to ourselves!

Do your sins terrify you? Oh then, look up to a crucified Savior, who bore your sins in His own body on the tree!

When sin stares you in the face, oh then turn your face to a dying Jesus, and behold Him . . .

with a spear in His side,

with thorns in His head,

with nails in His feet, and

a pardon in His hands!

Oh, remember that there is nothing in heaven or earth more efficacious to cure the wounds of conscience, than a frequent and serious meditation on the wounds of Christ!

Ah, Christians, under all your temptations, afflictions, fears, doubts, conflicts, and trials--be persuaded to keep a fixed eye upon a crucified Jesus! And remember that all He did--He did for you; and that all He suffered --He suffered for you! This will be a strong cordial to keep you from fainting under all your distresses. Oh, that Christians would labor, under all their soul-troubles, to keep a fixed eye upon a bleeding Christ; for there is nothing which will ease them, quiet them, settle them, and satisfy them like this!

Many, may I not say most, Christians are more apt to eye their sins, their sorrows, their prayers, their tears, their resolves, their complaints--than they are to eye a suffering Christ. And from hence springs their greatest

woes, wounds, miseries, and dejection of spirit. Oh, that
a crucified Christ might be forever in your eye--and
always upon your hearts!

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