

# Many Are the Afflictions of the Righteous

by Thomas Brooks

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*The righteous face many troubles, but it is a mercy that every affliction is not an execution, and every correction is not a damnation.*

**Scripture:** Job 5:7, Psalm 34:19, Psalm 119:71, Isaiah 43:2, Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 4:17, 2 Timothy 3:12, Hebrews 12:6, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 5:10

**Topics:** "Affliction", "God's Mercy"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that the righteous are destined to face numerous afflictions, as illustrated in Job 5:7 and Psalms 34:19. He explains that troubles often come in waves, much like April showers, and that these challenges are part of God's wise and good plan. Despite the frequency and intensity of these trials, Brooks reassures Christians that each affliction is a sign of God's mercy, as not every hardship leads to condemnation. He encourages believers to recognize the purpose behind their struggles and to find hope in God's goodness amidst their trials.

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## Transcript

The choicest saints are "born to troubles as the sparks fly upwards", Job 5:7. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous." Psalm 34:19. God, who is infinite in wisdom and matchless in goodness, has ordered troubles, yes, many troubles to come trooping in upon us on every side. Our crosses seldom come single; they usually come treading one upon the heels of another; they are like April showers, no sooner is one over but another comes. And yet, Christians, it is mercy, it is rich mercy, that every affliction is not an execution, that every correction is not a damnation.

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