

No Cause to Murmur or Complain

by Thomas Brooks

When faced with affliction, we should humbly kiss the rod and patiently lie under it, comparing our suffering to the horrors of conscience and the flames of hell to gain perspective and gratitude for mercy.

Scripture: Hebrews 12:5

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the importance of accepting God's discipline with humility and patience, urging believers to recognize that their afflictions are minor compared to the eternal consequences of sin. He encourages the faithful to submit quietly to God's will, understanding that even the harshest trials are a form of mercy compared to what they truly deserve. Brooks reminds us that those who have escaped greater judgment should not complain about their current sufferings, as they are ultimately for their growth and sanctification.

Transcript

One lesson that you are to learn under the afflictive rod of God, is to humbly to kiss the rod, and patiently and quietly to lie under the rod, until the Lord shall either give you a gracious, or a glorious, deliverance from it.

What is the rod--compared to the horrors of conscience, and to the flames of hell, or to an everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power? Therefore put your mouths in the dust, and be silent before the Lord!

He who has deserved a hanging--if he escapes with a whipping, has no cause to murmur or complain.

We who have deserved a damning--have little cause
to murmur or complain of a whipping, yes, though it
should be with a pestilential rod.

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