

Such Lessons!

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God's afflictions are a means of teaching us valuable lessons that will benefit us for eternity.

Scripture: Psalm 94:12, Hebrews 12:6, James 1:2

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that true blessing comes from God's chastening accompanied by divine teaching. He explains that afflictions, when used by God, can lead to a deeper loathing of sin, a greater desire to walk with God, and a longing for Christ. Brooks reassures that if God teaches us through our trials to become more humble, charitable, and spiritual, then those afflictions are acts of love. Ultimately, he concludes that God's love is evident in His willingness to teach us valuable lessons through our hardships, which benefit us for eternity.

Transcript

"Blessed is the man You chasten, O Lord, the
man You teach from Your law." Psalm 94:12

All the chastening in the world, without divine teaching,
will never make a man blessed. That man who finds
correction attended with instruction, and lashing with
lessoning--is a happy man.

If God, by the affliction which is upon you, shall teach you:

how to loathe sin more, and

how to trample upon the world more, and

how to walk with God more--

your afflictions are in love.

If God shall teach you by afflictions:

how to die to sin more, and
how to die to your relations more,
and how to die to your self-interest more--
your afflictions are in love.

If God shall teach you by afflictions:

how to live to Christ more,
how to lift up Christ more, and
how to long for Christ more--
your afflictions are in love.

If God shall teach you by afflictions:

how to mind heaven more,
how to live in heaven more, and
how to fit for heaven more--
your afflictions are in love.

If God by afflictions shall teach:

your proud heart how to lie more low,
your hard heart how to grow more tender,
your censorious heart how to grow more charitable,
your carnal heart how to grow more spiritual,
your froward heart how to grow more quiet--
your afflictions are in love.

When God teaches your thoughts as well as your
brains, your heart as well as your head, any of
these lessons--your afflictions are in love.

Where God loves, He afflicts in love; and wherever God
afflicts in love, there He will, sooner or later, teach such
souls such lessons as shall do them good to all eternity.

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