

Sweetened With Three Ingredients

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Jesus' attitude towards suffering was one of cheerfulness and trust in God's sovereignty, as He saw the bitter cup as a gift and an opportunity to fulfill His Father's will.

Scripture: Psalm 116:13, Isaiah 53:10, Matthew 26:39, John 18:11, Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Philippians 4:13, Hebrews 12:2, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 5:10

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that Jesus approached His crucifixion with joy, likening it to a bridegroom's delight on his wedding day. Despite the extreme bitterness of the cup He was given, Jesus found sweetness in it through three key aspects: it was merely a cup and not an overwhelming sea, it was His Father's hand that prepared it rather than Satan's, and it was a divine gift rather than a curse. This perspective encourages believers to view their own trials through the lens of God's purpose and love.

Transcript

"The cup which My Father has given Me--shall I not drink it?" John 18:11

Never did bridegroom go with more cheerfulness to be married to his bride--than our Lord Jesus went to His cross! Though the cup which the Father put into Christ's hand was bitter, very bitter--yes, the bitterest which ever was put into any hand--yet He found it sweetened with three ingredients:

1. It was but a cup; it was not a sea.
2. It was His Father, and not Satan, who mingled it, and who put in all the bitter ingredients in it.

3. It was a gift, not a curse, as to Himself.

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