

# The Constant Cry of the Rod

by Thomas Brooks

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*The rod of affliction is a call to spiritual life, urging us to be dead to worldly things and alive to a living Jesus.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 62:10, Ecclesiastes 1:2, Matthew 6:19-21, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 4:18, Philippians 3:8, Colossians 3:2, Hebrews 13:5, James 4:4, 1 John 2:15-17

**Topics:** "Affliction", "Detachment from Worldly Comforts"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that the rod of affliction serves as a powerful teacher, urging believers to detach their affections from worldly comforts and to recognize their ultimate emptiness and vanity. He explains that true contentment and fulfillment can only be found in a living relationship with Jesus, as worldly pleasures and honors are fleeting and unreliable. The sermon calls for a deep spiritual mortification of desires that distract from a focus on Christ.

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## Transcript

One lesson that you are to learn by the rod of affliction,  
is to get more weaned and more mortified affections to  
all worldly comforts, contentments, and enjoyments.

A man never comes to experience so much of . . .

the emptiness,

the nothingness,

the uselessness,

the vanity,

the mutability,

the impotency,

the insufficiency,

the uncertainty

of all worldly comforts and enjoyments--as when he falls  
under the rod of affliction. The constant cry of the rod  
is, "Be dead to the profits, pleasures, honors, and applauses  
of the world! Be dead to everything below a living Jesus!"

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