

The Most Golden Christians

by Thomas Brooks

Through fiery trials, God refines His people and makes them vessels of gold, working all things together for their good.

Scripture: Psalm 119:71, Isaiah 48:10, Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 4:17, 2 Timothy 2:12, Hebrews 12:11, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:7, 1 Peter 5:10, Revelation 3:18

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that under fiery trials, God's promise in Romans 8:28 holds true: all things work together for the good of those who love Him. He asserts that our sufferings are not merely conjectured to work for our benefit, but they actively do so, much like a skilled apothecary mixes ingredients to create a healing medicine. Brooks illustrates that even the most painful experiences can be divinely tempered to yield positive outcomes, transforming afflicted Christians into 'golden Christians' through their trials. He encourages believers to trust in God's sovereign plan, recognizing that their hardships are part of a greater good.

Transcript

Under all fiery trials, God will make good that golden promise, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God." Romans 8:28.

Mark, the apostle does not say, we suppose, or we hope, or we conjecture--but we know! We know that all our sufferings and afflictions work together for our good! The apostle does not say they shall work--but they do work.

Look! as several poisonous ingredients put together, being well tempered and mixed by the skill and care

of the prudent apothecary, makes a sovereign medicine, and work together for the good of the patient; just so, all the afflictions and sufferings which befall the saints --they shall be so wisely, so divinely tempered, ordered, and sanctified by the hand of God--as that they shall really and remarkably work for their good. Those dreadful providences which seem to be most harmful to us, shall in the outcome prove most beneficial to us! Look! as vessels of gold are made by fire, so by fiery trials God will make His people vessels of gold! Ususally, the most afflicted Christians are the most golden Christians.

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