

# When Munster Lay Sick

by Thomas Brooks

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*God's discipline is an expression of His love, and it is meant to purify, refine, and strengthen believers.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:71, Proverbs 3:11, Hebrews 12:6, Revelation 3:19

**Topics:** "Divine Discipline", "Affliction as Love"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that divine discipline is a sign of God's love, illustrating this through the experience of Munster, who viewed his afflictions as precious jewels bestowed by God. He highlights that all afflictions faced by believers are ultimately rooted in God's love and serve a purpose in their spiritual growth. Munster's perspective on his suffering reflects a deep understanding of the value of trials, echoing the sentiment that afflictions can lead to greater spiritual maturity. Brooks encourages Christians to embrace their hardships, recognizing them as opportunities for divine refinement.

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## Transcript

"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline."

Revelation 3:19

"The Lord disciplines the one He loves, and punishes every son whom He receives." Heb. 12:6

All the afflictions which come upon the saints, are the fruits of divine love.

When Munster lay sick, and his friends asked him how he did, and how he felt; he pointed to his sores and ulcers, whereof he was full, and said,

"These are God's gems and jewels with which He decks his best friends, and to me they are more precious than all the gold and silver in the world!"

"It was good for me to be afflicted!" Psalm 119:71

God afflicts you, O Christian, in love! Therefore Luther  
cries out, 'Strike, Lord, strike, Lord! and spare not!'

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