

Why Is My Pain Unending?

by Thomas Brooks

When faced with pain and affliction, it's our wisdom and duty to trust in God's revealed reasons and sit silent, rather than questioning His doings.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 29:29, Job 38:2-3, Psalm 119:71, Isaiah 55:8-9, Jeremiah 15:18, Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Hebrews 12:11, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7

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Description

Thomas Brooks addresses the question of unending pain and suffering, emphasizing that while God has reasons for His actions, He is not obligated to reveal them to us. He warns against questioning God's decisions, asserting that God, as the ultimate authority, has the right to afflict without explanation. Brooks encourages believers to accept their afflictions with silence and trust, recognizing that God's purposes are ultimately for their benefit, including the purification of their lives and souls. He reminds Christians that the hidden reasons for suffering belong to God alone, urging them to focus on the revealed truths in Scripture.

Transcript

"Why is my pain unending and my wound

grievous and incurable?" Jeremiah 15:18

Though God has always reason for what He does--yet

He is not bound to show us the reasons of His doings.

It is an evil and a dangerous thing to cavil at, or to

question God's proceedings--who may do with His own

what He pleases. He is unaccountable and uncontrollable;

and therefore none has a right to question Him.

As no man may question God's right to afflict him, nor

His righteousness in afflicting him; so no man may

question the reasons why He afflicts him. As no man can compel God to give a reason for His doings; so no man may dare to ask Him the particular reasons of His doings.

Kings are not bound to give their subjects a reason of their doings; and shall we bind God to give us a reason of His doings, who is the King of kings and Lord of Lords, and whose will is the true and only rule of justice?

The general grounds and reasons which God has laid down in His word why He afflicts His people, as--that is for their profit; for the purging away of their sins; for the purifying of their lives; and for the saving of their souls--should work them to be silent and satisfied under all their afflictions; though God should never satisfy their curiosity in giving them an account of some more hidden causes which may lie secret in the abysses of His eternal knowledge and infallible will.

Ah, Christian! it is your wisdom and duty to sit silent and mute under the afflicting hand of God upon the account of revealed reasons, without making any curious inquiry into those more secret reasons which are locked up in the golden cabinet of God's own bosom! "The secret things belong to the Lord our God." Deuteronomy 29:29

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