

# Experience

by Thomas Manton

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*Christ's experience of human trials enables him to empathize and pity humanity, allowing him to help and support us in our struggles.*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 53:3, 2 Corinthians 1:3, Philippians 2:7, Hebrews 2:10, Hebrews 4:15

**Topics:** "Christ's Suffering", "Divine Empathy"

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## Description

Thomas Manton preaches about how Christ, as the captain of our salvation, was made perfect through sufferings, experiencing all trials and hardships that His servants may face, including poverty, forsakenness, and pain, allowing Him to empathize and pity us in our struggles. By taking on our nature and miseries, Christ offers a pledge to help and have compassion on us, having a deep understanding of the human experience and the challenges we encounter in this world.

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## Transcript

"For it became him [the Father]... in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10).

Christ hath had experience of all trials whereinto any of his servants can fall, poverty, forsaking of friends, exile, imprisonment, hunger, nakedness, watching, weariness, pain of body, heaviness of heart, desertion as to sense, wrath and curse of God. Christ hath carried his feeling with him into heaven; he knew what poverty meaneth, what trouble of conscience, what heaviness of spirit meaneth. Christ could not so experimentally pity us, so feelingly pity us, if he were not like us in all things; his heart was entended by experience, as a man that hath felt the gout and felt the stone.

Israel knew the heart of a stranger; Christ knew the heart of a man that is left to the world's frowns and snares. He took a communion of our nature and miseries, as a pawn and pledge that he will pity us and help us.

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