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Then the scum appears! - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/8/21 15:10

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("The Mute Christian Under the Smarting Rod"
or, "The Silent Soul with Sovereign Antidotes"
by Thomas Brooks, 1659, London.)

Few Christians see themselves and understand
themselves rightfully. By trials, God discovers
much of a man's sinful self to his pious self.

When the fire is put under the pot--then the
scum appears; so when God tries a poor soul,
Oh! how does . . .

the scum of pride,
the scum of murmuring,
the scum of distrust,
the scum of impatience,
the scum of worldliness,
the scum of carnality,
the scum of foolishness,
the scum of willfulness--

discover itself in the heart of the poor creature!

Trials are God's looking-glass, in which
His people see their own faults. Oh! . . .

that looseness,
that vileness,
that wretchedness,
that sink of filthiness,
that gulf of wickedness,

which trials show to be in their hearts!

"I have tested you in the furnace of affliction."
Isaiah 48:10

Re: Then the scum appears! - posted by BradW (), on: 2006/8/21 15:22

Great stuff here, Greg!

Do you have any info about this Thomas Brooks? I've never heard of him.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/8/21 15:29

THOMAS BROOKS

(1608-1680). "Nonconformist preacher. Born into a Puritan family, he was sent to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He soon became an advocate of the Congregational way and served as a chaplain in the Civil War. In 1648 he accepted the rectory of St. Margaret's, New Fish Street, London, but only after making his Congregational principles clear to the vestry. On several occasions he preached before Parliament. He was ejected in 1660 and remained in London as a Nonconformist preacher. Government spies reported that he preached at Tower Wharf and in Moorfields. During the Great Plague and Great Fire he worked in London, and in 1672 was granted a license to preach in Lime Street. He wrote over a dozen books, most of which are devotional in character. He was buried in Bunhill Fields." Peter Toon (NIDCC)

more works by this author:

http://www.gracegems.org/Brooks/Thomas_Brooks.htm

Re: Then the scum appears! - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/8/21 17:55

"By trials, God discovers

much of a man's sinful self **to his** pious self."

I really appreciate these lines and the rest. The truth in them has been proven to me over and over again by experience.

Was not Job a man that eschewed evil, yet after he was tried said

Quote:

----- Behold, I am vile

Are we at peace?

then let us be cast into the tempest

Are we humble?

then let us be exalted beyond measure

And do we love?

then let that be touched which is most precious to us

Then will our own hearts be discovered to us for sure.

In this I get a sense of what I think Paul meant when he wrote

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/8/21 19:48

where will any of us be without the ever-cleansing Blood and the sin-delivering Cross

Christ be praised

Re: Then the scum appears! - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2006/8/21 20:04

Praise God!!!

I was wondering if this were true...it sure seems this way.

Quote:

sermonindex wrote:

Trials are God's looking-glass, in which
His people see their own faults.

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered" - Heb 5:8

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" - Rom 12:12

"Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church"
- Col 1:24

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." - 2Cor 12:9

"therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." - 2Cor 12:10

Thy will be done O Lord :-)

Please pray that God's Name will be honoured through my life by the power of His Holy Spirit. Thanks for this post...
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