

The Necessity And Benefit Of Our Trials

The very trials and afflictions, and the sore temptations through which God's family pass, all eventually endear Christ to them.

And depend upon it, if you are a child of God, you will sooner or later, in your travels through this wilderness, find your need of Jesus as "able to save to the uttermost."

There will be such things in your heart, and such feelings in your mind the temptations you will meet with will be such that nothing short of a Savior that is able to save to the uttermost can save you out of your desperate case and felt circumstances as utterly lost and helpless.

This a great point to come to. All trials, all temptations, all strippings, all emptyings that do not end here are valueless because they lead the soul away from God.

But the convictions, the trials, the temptations, the strippings, the emptyings, that bring us to this spot – that we have nothing, and can do nothing, but the Lord alone must do it – all these have a blessed effect, because they eventually make Jesus very near and dear unto us.

-J. C. Philpot