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The Rare Jewel Of Christian Contentment



Synopsis

Jeremiah Burroughs (sometimes Burroughes; c. 1600 – London, November 13, 1646) was an English Congregationalist and a well-known Puritan preacher.

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Customer Reviews

If there is only one lesson I learn from this book, it would be on how to be contented by laboring to get a good interpretation of God's dealings in my life. But there is certainly much more to learn from the text, which I consider the best exposition on Phil 4:11. Burrough's coverage seems to be more comprehensive than that of Watson's who also wrote a treatise on the same subject 'The Art of Divine Contentment' 5 years after Burrough did. What I particularly enjoy is the lessons on the mystery of contentment, the excellence of contentment, how Christ teaches contentment, the evil and aggravation of a murmuring spirit, and how to be content. I found some examples used to clarify certain points are both humbling and humorous, whether they were intended to be so or not, some of which are given ch.7 that talks about one of the excellencies of a contented spirit being the soul is fitted to receive mercy and to do service. "No man or woman in the world is as fit to receive the

grace of God, and to do the work of God, as those who have contented spirits. So if we would be vessels to receive God's mercy, and would have the Lord pour his mercy into us, we must have quiet, still hearts. We must not have hearts hurrying up and down in trouble, discontent and vexing, but still and quiet hearts, if we receive mercy from the Lord." Then two illustrations were presented which I thought are hilarious. "If a child throws and kicks up and down for a thing, you do not give it him when he cries so, but first you will have the child quiet. Even though, perhaps, you intend him to have what he cries for, you will not give it him till he is quiet, and comes, and stands still before you, and is contented without it, and then you will give it him.

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