

# Lxiv. to Mr David Dickson, on the Death of His Son

by Samuel Rutherford

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*The sermon encourages believers to trust in God's sovereignty and mercy in the midst of suffering, and to look forward to the exaltation and triumph that awaits them in heaven.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:18, Romans 8:37, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Topics:** "Sovereignty Of God", "Christian Suffering"

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## Description

Samuel Rutherford preaches a message of encouragement and comfort to a dear brother, reminding him of the sovereignty of God over his life and the need to trust in His timing and plans. He assures the brother that even in the midst of trials and suffering, there is a purpose and a richer measure of grace being worked out. Rutherford urges the brother to continue on his journey without losing heart, knowing that his ultimate victory is secured through Christ who leads him. The preacher expresses his love and support, emphasizing the importance of prayer and unity among believers.

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## Transcript

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER, -- Ye look like the house whereof ye are a branch: the cross is a part of the life rent that lieth to all the sons of the house. I desire to suffer with you, if I could take a lift of your house-trial off you; but ye have preached it ere I knew anything of God. Your Lord may gather His roses, and shake His apples, at what season of the year He pleaseth. Each husbandman cannot make harvest when he pleaseth, as He can do. Ye are taught to know and adore His sovereignty, which He exerciseth over you, which yet is lusted with mercy. The child has but changed a bed in the garden, and is planted up higher, nearer the sun, where he shall thrive better than in this

outfield muir-ground. Ye must think your Lord would not want him one hour longer; and since the date of your loan of him was expired (as it is, if ye read the lease), let Him have His own with gain, as good reason were. I read on it an exaltation and a richer measure of grace, as the sweet fruit of your cross; and I am bold to say, that that college where your Master has set you now shall find it.

Dearest brother, go on and faint not. Something of yours is in heaven, beside the flesh of your exalted Savior; and ye go on after your own. Time's thread is shorter by one inch than it was. An oath is sworn and past the seals, whether afflictions will or not, ye must grow and live and triumph and reign and be more than a conqueror. For your Captain who leadeth you on, is more than conqueror, and He maketh you partaker of His conquest and victory. Did not love to you compel me, I would not fetch water to the well, and speak to one who knoweth better than I can do what God is doing with him.

Remember my love to your wife, to Mr John and all friends there. Let us be helped by your prayers, for I cease not to make mention of you to the Lord, as I can.

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