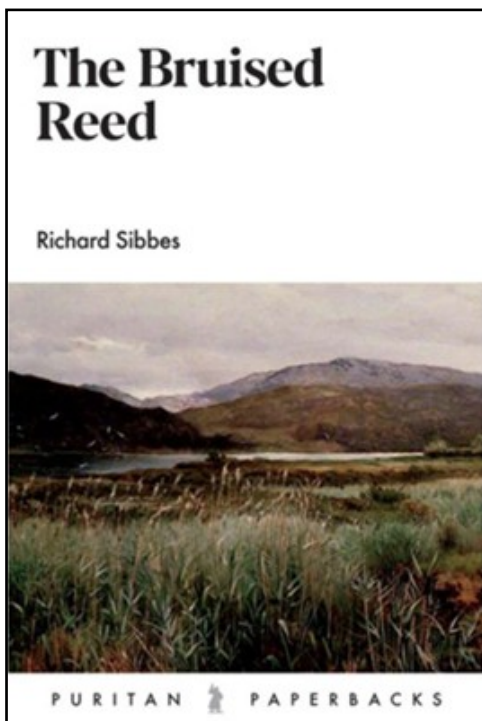


book of the month

On many theological subjects, the best resources can be found among Puritan writings. In my opinion, *The Bruised Reed* is no exception. One would be hard-pressed to find a more helpful resource on Christ's heart for sinners and sufferers. As we heard recently about Christ's compassion and censure in our exposition of Mark, Jesus is both merciful and severe. In Christ exists the perfect balance of these contrasting attributes. Richard Sibbes (1577 - 1635) captures this balance well as he explains Christ's pursuit of weary, battle-worn sinners.



This book promotes compassionate one-another care within the church without sacrificing God's high standard of personal holiness, a rarity in published works nowadays. It is my prayer that God would use this resource to strengthen and diversify our tools for discipling others at Grace Bible Church so that our encouragement is more biblical, our mercy more tender, our exhortations more timely, and our rebukes more sober-minded.

— Omri Miles, Pastor/Elder

The Bruised Reed – Richard Sibbes

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan

(5 pages per day)

Week 1: Monday August 30th - Sunday September 5th

Publisher's Forward, 5 pages

1. The Reed and the Bruising, 6 pages
2. Christ Will More Break the Bruised Reed, 9 pages
3. The Smoking Flax, 5 pages
4. Christ Will Not Quench the Smoking Flax, 6 pages

Week 2: Monday September 6th - Sunday September 12th

5. The Spirit of Mercy Should Move Us, 10 pages
6. Marks of the Smoking Flax, 10 pages
7. Help For the Weak, 9 pages
8. Duties and Discouragements, 10 pages

Week 3: Monday September 13th - Sunday September 19th

9. Believe Christ, Not Satan, 6 pages
10. Quench Not the Spirit, 11 pages
11. Christ's Judgement and Victory, 6 pages
12. Christ's Wise Government, 9 pages

Week 4: Monday September 20th - Sunday September 26th

13. Grace Shall Reign, 10 pages
14. Means to Make Grace Victorious, 9 pages
15. Christ's Public Triumph, 9 pages
16. Through Conflict to Victory, 11 pages

QUOTES

"In time of temptation, apprehensive consciences look so much to the present trouble they are in that they need to be roused up to behold him in whom they may find rest for their distressed souls." (p. 2)

"None will claim mercy more of others than those who deserve due severity... Cold diseases must have hot remedies." (p. 29)

"There is never a holy sigh, never a tear we shed, which is lost. And as every grace increases by exercise of itself, so does the grace of prayer. By prayer we learn to pray." (p. 51)

"The light which some men have is like lightning which, after a sudden flash, leaves them more in darkness. They can love the light as it shines, but hate it as it discovers and directs." (p. 40)

"Light in the understanding produces heat of love in the affections. In the measure that the sanctified understanding sees a thing to be true or good, in that measure the will embraces it. Weak light produces weak inclinations, strong light, strong inclinations." (p. 38)