

---

**The Royal Sufferer, a Manual of Meditations and  
Devotions, by T- K-.**

**Ken Thomas**

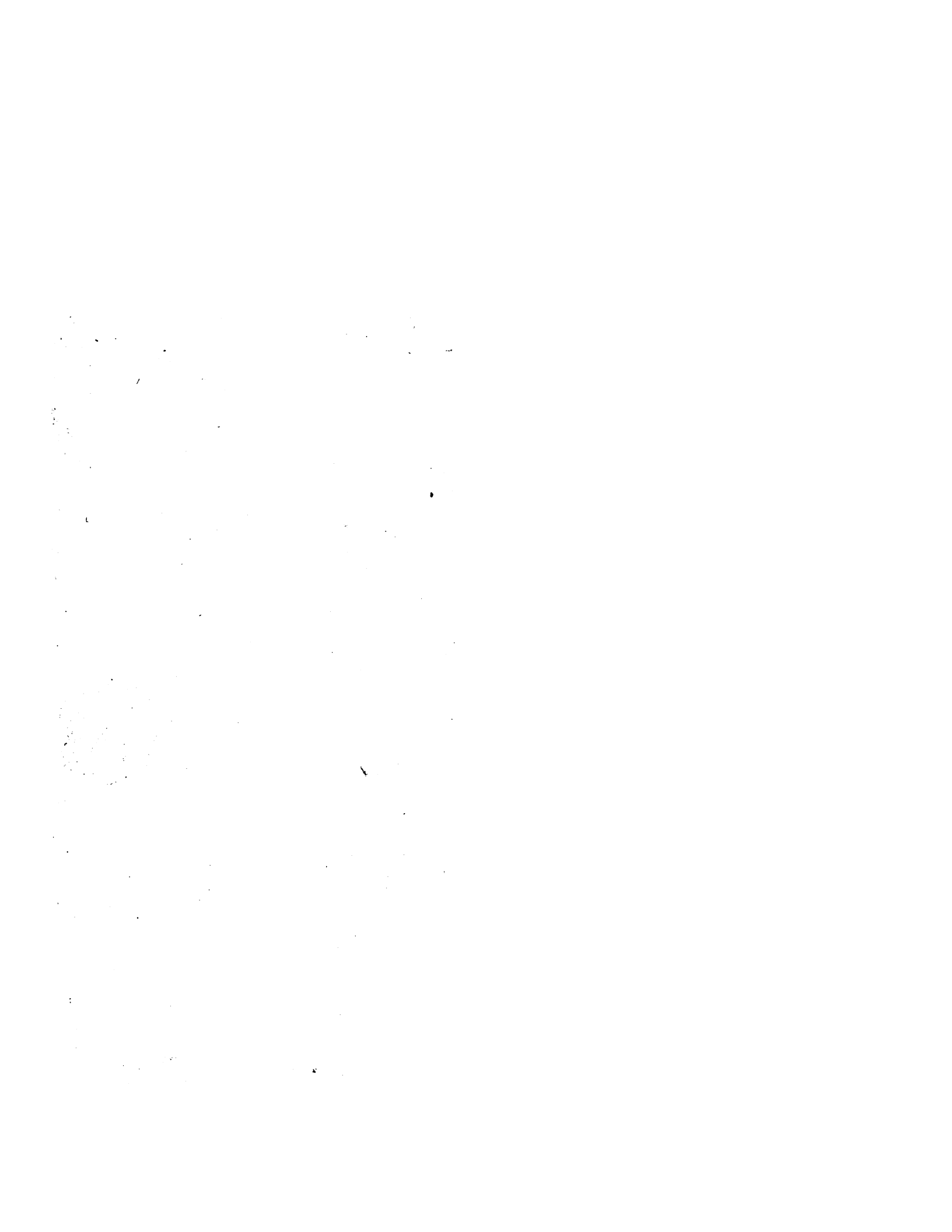
---

**Title: The Royal Sufferer, a Manual of Meditations and Devotions, by T- K-**

**Author: Ken Thomas**

**This is an exact replica of a book. The book reprint was manually improved by a team of professionals, as opposed to automatic/OCR processes used by some companies. However, the book may still have imperfections such as missing pages, poor pictures, errant marks, etc. that were a part of the original text. We appreciate your understanding of the imperfections which can not be improved, and hope you will enjoy reading this book.**





*The Royal Sufferer.*

*Rele* A *Mrwood*

MANUAL

OF

MEDITATIONS

AND

DEVOTIONS.



Written for the Use of a Royal,  
tho' Afflicted FAMILY.

By T—K—D.D

Printed in the Year 1699.

138. f. 47.

6000116



Mary Allwood

---

TO THE  
K I N G.

Great Sir!

**P**Ermit me, I beseech You, to lay at Your Royal Feet this small Manual, which has no other design but the Supporting of Your Sacred Majesty, and Your Faithful Friends and Adherents under those Calamities which Your Majesty has born with so much Magnanimity, Patience, and Christian Resolution, that it shews You to be the Heir not only of Your Royal Father's Crown, but of his Afflictions and Sufferings; Exerting the like Constancy and Courage under them, as that Blessed Martyr did. 'Tis true, indeed, Your Royal Father was a Protestant, and Liv'd and Dy'd in and for that Profession; and I cou'd heartily wish that Your Majesty was so too: For then we might quickly hope to see an end of our pre-

To the KING.

sent Miseries in a short time. But tho' so great a Blessing be deny'd us, yet shall my Loyalty and Duty approve it self the same, as if You were so; for I cannot conceive (what ever some may think) that Your Majesty's being of another Perswasion than my self, can discharge me from my Allegiance to You. And I hope Your Majesty will not the less regard what I have here Writen, because I profess my self, as I always did, to be a Member and an Unworthy Son of the Church of England: For as it has always been my Judgement, that he that Believes, Lives, and Prays, according to the Rules that Christ has given us, is a True Christian and a happy Man; so I believe that the next way to Heaven is not to look after Controversie, but Conscience; and to spend our Zeal and Time not in being Contentions, but Religious: And therefore where-soever I live in the Christian World, whether East or West, it is not my being a good Scholar that will make me happy, but a good Christian; not a Learned Disputant for Christ, but a Devout Servant to him: Nor the being of such or such a Party or side in

the

To the KING.

*the Church, but a True Member of his Body.*

*AND if Your Majesty wou'd Vouchsafe to bear with me a little, I cou'd easily demonstrate this to be the most Safe Way: For, if I am Regenerated by the holy Spirit, and made a Christian by true Baptism, believing the Scriptures; can it with any Colour of Reason, be Suppos'd that I shall suffer Damnation for not equally Believing Traditions? And if I make Conscience to serve and Worship GOD, can it be thought I shall Perish for not Worshipping Images? If I pray to GOD, as our Blessed Saviour hath taught me, saying, Our Father, &c. Who can think I should incur the Sentence of Damnation for not Invocating Saints and Angels? And if I receive the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, in both kinds, according to Christ's Institution, as even the Roman Church Confesses, who can believe I shall be damned, because the Cup is taken away by a Council?*

*THESE things I urge with all humility, only to let Your Majesty see what reason I have to believe the Protestant Religion to be the most Safe Way: And if through the*



To the KING.

*Divine Blessing they should be made Efficacious, to cause Your Majesty to Return to, and Embrace the Religion professed even to Death, by Your Royal Father, for whom I am sure You have so justly a great Veneration, it wou'd be the Joy and Rejoycing of all Your People; and wou'd open a Door of hope to 'em, even in this Valley of Achor. But if for our Sins, we shall still be depriv'd of so great a Blessing, it is yet our Duty to submit to the Sovereign Will of our Almighty Maker, and to continue our Loyalty to Your Majesty, praying, That the Divine Goodness would graciously support You under those great and many Troubles wherewith it has pleased Him to Exercise You here; and at last to Translate You to a brighter Crown, even a Crown of Immarcessible Glory. Which is the Daily and Earnest Prayer of,*

*Your Majesties most Loyal,  
Faithful and Obedient  
Subjeēt and Servant,*

T. K.

INTRO-

(7)

---

---

## INTRODUCTION.

**H**AVING with grief of Heart, observed that Uninterrupted Series of Afflictions that has now for some Years attended one of the most Royal Families in *Europe* ( to which I have the Honour to be particularly related, and thereby am involved in their common Fate, my self having run the same Risque with that of my Royal Master, and suffered the loss of all as well as He) I have thought it my Duty, by the Ensuing Meditations, to cast my Mite into the Royal Treasury, and by considering the Vicissitude and Uncertainty of all Sublunary States and Things, to offer some Support under that weight of Sorrow, which a Mind less Magnanimous than that of our Great Master, would have sunk under long ago.

AND since the Holy Scriptures do inform us, that *Afflictions rise not out of*

*the Ground, neither does Trouble spring out of the Dust,* it will not be unnecessary to inquire into the Cause from whence our great and sore Calamities arise; for as in the Case of a Diseased Body, to know the Cause from whence the Morbifick Affect proceeds, is accounted half the Cure; so if by a thorow search we can come to know the Cause why it has pleas'd the Sovereign Majesty of Heaven to Bring and to Continue these Calamities upon us, it may, (accompany'd with the Divine Blessing) go a great way towards the Removal of them: There being nothing more certain, than that the way to have our Offended Maker Reconcil'd unto us, is, *To Search our Hearts, and try our Ways, and to turn unto Him against whom we have sinned;* and so may we hope He will have Mercy upon us, and say to the Proud Waves of Affliction that have so long been rolling over our heads, *Thus far have ye gone, but ye shall proceed no further, and here shall your proud Waves be stopped:* For the same GOD that puts a stop to the Raging of the Sea,

can

( 9 )

can soon put a Period to the Madness of the People, and bring back our Captivity as the Streams in the South.

NOW since the Loss of what we formerly Enjoy'd, is that which makes us the most Uneasie, and gives us the greatest Disquiet, I will first Endeavour to remove it, by giving you a Scheme of the Vanity and Emptiness of all those things; and consequently that it is not worth our while to afflict our selves for the Loss of that which is so Fading and Transitory in its own Nature, and when Enjoy'd in its greatest Advantages, adds so very little to our happiness: Which things are properly reducible to three Heads, *viz.* Honours, Riches, and Pleasures, which I shall distinctly consider in Meditations upon each. And that what I write may be the more effectual to the End for which it is written, I shall Address myself to the Divine Majesty for a Blessing thereupon.

A