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Sibbes, Richard. *The Bruised Reed*. 1630. Reprint, Puritan Paperbacks. Edinburgh, England: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1998.

Have you been dealing with discouragement in your walk with God due to your sin? Feeling defeated or weak in your walk with Christ? Then, you will want to read *The Bruised Reed*. Richard Sibbes was a Puritan pastor who was called “the sweet dropper” because of his tenderness and caring encouragement he offered those he ministered to. Even though the book has been updated and revised (originally written in 1630!), it still may take the reader some time to get used to the Puritan style of writing. Sibbes is not the easiest Puritan to read, but certainly not the hardest (that honor belongs to John Owen!). The only caution is Sibbes’ treatment of the Isaiah text. It is a common example of “right doctrine, wrong text.” So, enjoy the devotional application, but go somewhere else for an exegetical study of the text!

Level: Medium

Theological Stance: Anglican (Church of England) Puritan

Rating: 6

Recommend? Yes