

A Self-Loather

by Thomas Brooks

True repentance is a daily turning of the soul further from sin and nearer to God, requiring a heartfelt loathing of sin and a daily dying to sin.

Scripture: Psalm 51:17, Romans 12:1, 2 Corinthians 7:10

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that true repentance is a continuous process of turning away from sin and drawing closer to God. It involves a genuine recognition of sin, deep sorrow, and a heartfelt loathing of both sin and oneself. Repentance requires a transformation that cleanses the mind, heart, and life, challenging the natural tendency of self-love and self-exaltation. Brooks highlights that true repentance is about dying to sin daily and living for God, which can be a difficult journey for those who are accustomed to self-admiration.

Transcript

True repentance is a daily turning of the soul further
and further from sin--and a daily turning of the soul
nearer and nearer to God.

True repentance includes . . .

a true sense of sin,

a deep sorrow for sin,

a hearty loathing of sin, and

a holy shame and blushing for sin.

To repent is to make . . .

a clean head and a clean heart;

a clean lip and a clean life.

To repent is for a man to loathe himself, as well as his sin.

Is this easy for man, who is so great a self-lover, and so great a self-exalter, and so great a self-admirer--to become a self-loather? To repent is to cross sinful self, it is to walk contrary to sinful self, yes, it is to revenge a man's self upon himself.

True repentance lies in a daily dying to sin, and in a daily living to Him who lives forever.

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