

# A Smooth Silken Way to Hell

by Thomas Brooks

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*Trusting in duties can lead to a life of self-effort and ultimately to hell, whereas true happiness comes from living for Jesus and denying sinful self.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:21-23, Romans 3:28, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 3:8-9

**Topics:** "Faith vs. Works", "True Salvation"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the importance of focusing on Jesus rather than merely performing religious duties. He illustrates that true acceptance, justification, and reconciliation with God come from a relationship with Christ, not from the reliance on our own works. Brooks warns that trusting in our duties can lead us astray, creating a deceptive path that ultimately leads to destruction. He encourages believers to deny self-reliance and instead find joy and fulfillment in Jesus alone.

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## Transcript

In duty, Mary had learned the holy art of living above duty;  
in the business of acceptance with God, and justification  
before God, and reconciliation to God, and salvation by God;  
she knew no duty but Jesus. She was as happy in denying  
religious self as she was resolute in denying of sinful self.  
Duties trusted to will undo you. When trusted to, duties  
are but a smooth silken way to hell.

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