

All Belly-Gods Shall at Last Be Found in the Belly of Hell!

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon warns against the dangers of intemperance and the consequences of serving one's own belly, emphasizing the importance of temperance and a relationship with God.

Scripture: Philippians 3:18

Topics: "Spiritual Ruin", "Intemperance"

Description

Thomas Brooks warns against the dangers of intemperance, emphasizing that those who make their stomach their god are destined for destruction. He illustrates how indulgence in food and drink can lead to spiritual ruin, separating individuals from Christ and ultimately leading them to hell. Brooks uses the example of Dives, who lived luxuriously but faced eternal consequences, to highlight the futility of seeking pleasure in earthly desires. He urges listeners to recognize the peril of allowing their appetites to dictate their lives, as this leads to a life devoid of true happiness and salvation. The sermon serves as a stark reminder that all who worship their bellies will find themselves in the depths of hell.

Transcript

"Their destiny is destruction, their god is their

stomach." Philippians 3:18-19

Intemperance robs men of everlasting happiness and

blessedness. It shuts them out from all the glory of

heaven, and tumbles them down to the lowest hell,

as you may see in that great instance of luxurious

Dives, who was "dressed in purple and fine linen

and lived in luxury every day." The intemperate

man's table proves a snare to his soul.

Intemperant people eat and drink away their Christ; they eat and drink away their souls; they eat and drink away their own salvation! Those who serve their own bellies, serve not the Lord Jesus Christ, and shall never reign with Him in heaven. Certainly that man who makes his belly his god, shall be forever separated from God.

All belly-gods shall at last be found in the belly of hell! The intemperate person has his heaven here; his hell is to come. Now he has his sweet cups, his merry cups, his pleasant cups. Oh, but there is a cup of shame and sorrow to come! "Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup." Psalm 11:6. The intemperate person has been a gulf to devour many mercies, and therefore he shall at last be cast into a gulf of endless miseries.

How many make their belly their god, and their kitchen their altar; whose whole felicity lay in eating and drinking, whose bodies were as sponges, and whose throats were as open sepulchers to take in all precious liquors, and whose bellies were as graves to bury God's creatures in! Augustine well observes that God has not given to man: claws to tear in pieces--like bears and leopards; nor horns to push--like bulls and rams; nor a sting to prick--like wasps, and bees, and serpents; nor a bill to strike--like eagles and ostriches; nor

a wide mouth to devour--like dogs and lions;
but a little mouth, to show that man should be
very temperate both in his eating and drinking.
How applicable these things are to the luxurious people
who lived within the walls of London before it was turned
into ashes--I shall leave the wise in heart to judge.

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