

Below the Ox and the Donkey

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon emphasizes that ignorance is the root of all sin, leading to enslavement to Satan and a lack of understanding of eternal peace.

Scripture: Proverbs 4:7, Isaiah 1:3, Hosea 4:6, John 8:32, Romans 6:16, 1 Corinthians 15:34, Ephesians 4:18, James 1:5, 2 Peter 3:18, 1 John 1:8

Topics: "Spiritual Awareness", "Ignorance of Sin"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the profound consequences of ignorance in his sermon 'Below the Ox and the Donkey,' using Isaiah 1:3 to illustrate that while animals recognize their owners, God's people often fail to understand their relationship with Him. He argues that ignorance is the root of all sin, leading to spiritual enslavement and a lack of awareness of one's need for salvation. Brooks warns that this ignorance not only breeds sin but also prevents individuals from recognizing the beauty of holiness, ultimately locking them in a state of spiritual blindness. He calls for a deeper understanding of sin and holiness to foster true repentance and spiritual awakening.

Transcript

"The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's feeding-trough, but Israel does not know; My people do not understand." Isaiah 1:3

Ignorance is the source of all sin, the very well-spring from which all wickedness does issue. Ignorance . . .

enslaves a soul to Satan;

lets in sin by troops;

locks them up in the heart;

shuts out the means of recovery;

and so plasters up a man's eyes, that he cannot see

the things which belong to his own eternal peace.

The Scripture sets ignorant people below the ox and the donkey. Did men either see the deformity of sin, or the beauty and excellency of holiness--they would never delight in the one--nor cry down the other!

Ignorance is a breeding sin, a mother sin; all sins are seminally in ignorance. Ignorance is the mother of all the mistakes, and of all the misrule in the world.

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