

# Death Is a Change of Enjoyments

by Thomas Brooks

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*Death is a change of enjoyments, from imperfect and incomplete to perfect and complete, from dark and obscure to clear and sweet, and from inconstant and transient to constant and permanent.*

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 4:17

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that a believer's last day is their best day, marking death as a transformative experience that leads to a clearer and more complete enjoyment of God. He explains that while believers may experience glimpses of God's glory on earth, their understanding is often clouded and imperfect. In heaven, however, believers will enjoy a constant and perfect communion with God, free from the burdens and complaints of earthly life. Brooks encourages believers to look forward to this glorious change, where they will be fully satisfied in God's presence, and reminds them that the best is yet to come.

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## Transcript

("A Believer's Last Day, His Best Day")

A believer's last day is his best day! Death is a change of enjoyments. Death is a change of our more dark and obscure enjoyment of God--for a more clear and sweet enjoyment of God. The best believer in this world, who enjoys most of God, and the visions of His glory--still he does not enjoy God clearly; but he is much in the dark. We are weak, and able to take in little of God. We have but dark apprehensions of God. Witness our tears, sighs, groans, and complaints, because we go forward and backward. God hides Himself that we cannot see Him.

Ask those who live highest in the enjoyment of God,  
"What is your greatest burden?" They will tell you,  
"This is our greatest burden, that our apprehensions  
of God are no more clear, that we cannot see Him  
whom our souls do dearly love, face to face."  
Oh--but now in heaven saints shall have a clear vision  
of God! There are no clouds or mists in heaven!  
Death is a change of our imperfect and incomplete  
enjoyments of God, for a more complete and perfect  
enjoyment of Him. It is an excellent expression that  
Augustine has: "The glorious things of heaven are . . .  
so many--that they exceed number;  
so precious--that they exceed estimation;  
so great--that they exceed measure!"  
Bernard says, "For Christ to be with Paul was the  
greatest security--but for Paul to be with Christ  
was the chief happiness!"  
There are no complaints in heaven, because there are  
no needs. Oh, when death shall give the fatal stroke,  
there shall be an exchange . . .  
of earth--for heaven;  
of imperfect enjoyments--for perfect enjoyments of God!  
Then the soul shall be swallowed up with a full enjoyment  
of God; no corner of the soul shall be left empty--but all  
shall be filled up with the fullness of God.  
Here in this present world, the saints receive grace;  
but in heaven they shall receive glory. God keeps the

best wine until last; the best of God, Christ, and heaven --is beyond this present world. Here we have but some sips, some tastes of God; the fullness is reserved for the glorious state. He who sees most of God here on earth, sees but His back parts; His face is a jewel of that splendor and glory, which no eye can behold but a glorified eye.

The best of Christians are able to take in but little of God; their hearts are like the widow's vessel, which could receive but a little oil. Sin, the world, and creatures take up so much room in the best hearts--that God gives out Himself little by little, as parents give sweets to their children. But in heaven God will communicate Himself fully at once to the soul! Grace shall then be swallowed up in glory!

Death is a change of a more inconstant and transient enjoyment of God--for a more constant and permanent enjoyment of God. Here on earth, the saints' enjoyment of God is inconstant. One day they enjoy God, and another day the soul sits and complains in anguish of spirit. But in heaven there shall no clouds arise between the Lord and a believing heart. God will not one day smile, and another day frown; one day take a soul in His arms, and another day lay that soul at His feet. In heaven there are nothing but kisses and embraces, nothing but a perpetual enjoyment of God! When once God takes the soul unto Himself, all tears shall then be wiped away.

There are angels and archangels in heaven. Yes, but they do not make heaven; Christ is the most sparkling diamond

in the ring of glory! It is heaven and happiness enough to see Christ, and to be forever with Christ.

Now, oh what a glorious change is this! Methinks these things should make us long for our dying-day, and account this present life but a lingering death. "And so we will be with the Lord forever! Therefore encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

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