

Earthly Crowns Are Like Tennis-Balls

by Thomas Brooks

A believer's crown of glory shall be fresh, flourishing, and continuing, while earthly crowns are fleeting and unfulfilling.

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-20, Romans 8:18, 1 Corinthians 9:25, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Philippians 3:20-21, 2 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 12:1-2, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4, Revelation 2:10

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the eternal nature of the believer's crown of glory, contrasting it with earthly crowns that are temporary and fleeting, much like tennis balls that are passed around until they wear out. He highlights that while earthly achievements may bring momentary satisfaction, they ultimately fade, whereas the crown of glory bestowed upon believers remains fresh and flourishing for eternity. Brooks reassures that no force, not even the devils in hell, can take away a believer's heavenly inheritance, which is far superior to anything this world offers. The sermon encourages believers to focus on their eternal rewards rather than the transient accolades of this life.

Transcript

1 Peter 5:4 "You will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away,"--as the garlands faded, with which the conquerors at games, races, and combats were crowned--which were made of herbs, leaves, and flowers.

A crown imports perpetuity, plenty, dignity.

A crown is the height of human ambition.

A believer's crown, his inheritance, his glory, his happiness, his blessedness--shall be as fresh and flourishing after he has been many millions of years

in heaven--as it was at his first entrance into it.

Earthly crowns are like tennis-balls, which are bandied up and down from one to another, and in time wear out. When time shall be no more, when earthly crowns and kingdoms shall be no more, yes, when the world shall be no more--a Christian's crown of glory shall be fresh, flourishing, and continuing.

All the devils in hell shall never wrangle a believer out of his heavenly inheritance, nor deprive him of his crown of glory. The least thing in heaven, is better than the greatest things in this world. All things on earth are fading--but the crown of glory never fades away.

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