

Enemies!

by Thomas Brooks

A Christian should view their sins as enemies and have a sincere desire to abandon and be rid of them.

Scripture: Romans 6:12

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the necessity of viewing sin as our greatest enemy, urging believers to confront and detest their sins with the same fervor as one would against a formidable foe. He illustrates the destructive nature of sin, explaining how it leads to spiritual death and separation from God, and how it has dire consequences for the soul. The sincere Christian, recognizing the weight of sin, desires to abandon it completely, akin to a sick person yearning for health or a prisoner longing for freedom. Brooks calls for a deep-seated hatred of sin, advocating for a relentless pursuit of holiness and a commitment to eradicate sin from our lives.

Transcript

One of the first works of the Spirit is to make a man to look upon all his sins as enemies; yes, as his greatest enemies, and to deal with his sins as enemies, and to hate and loathe them as enemies, and to fear them as enemies, and to arm against them as enemies. He has earnest and sincere desires, and makes careful endeavors--to abandon all sin, to forsake all sin, and to be rid of all sin.

Says the sincere Christian,

"Sin is the greatest evil in all the world!

Sin is the only thing which God abhors!

Sin brought Jesus Christ to the cross!

Sin damns souls!

Sin shuts heaven!

Sin has laid the foundations of hell!

Oh, sin is . . .

the pricking thorn in my eye,

the deadly arrow in my side,

the sharp sword which has . . .

wounded my conscience,

slain my comforts,

hindered my prayers,

embittered my mercies,

put a sting into all my crosses!

Therefore I condemn it to death,

yes, to hell, from whence it came!"

Certainly, a sick man is not more desirous to

be rid of all his diseases, nor a prisoner to be

freed from all his bolts and chains--than the

true penitent is desirous to be rid of all his sins!

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