

Far Greater Worth

by Thomas Brooks

The value of a single grain of grace far surpasses the worth of all worldly riches.

Scripture: Habakkuk 2:6, Matthew 13:44

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that even the smallest amount of grace is far more valuable than all the riches of the world, such as gold and silver, which are ultimately burdensome. He illustrates that true satisfaction comes from the riches of Christ rather than material wealth, which can lead to discontent and anxiety. Brooks uses the example of Abraham's wealth to show that riches can be heavy burdens, and he recounts the story of Pheraulus, who preferred a simple life over the stress of great wealth. The sermon calls worldly individuals to reflect on the true worth of grace compared to earthly riches.

Transcript

One grain of grace is of far greater worth, than all the gold of Ophir and all the silver of the Indies--which are but the guts and garbage of the earth. The gleanings, the smallest gatherings of the riches of Christ, are far better, more excellent, more satisfying, more contenting, more ravishing--than all the riches of this world. Riches are called thick clay, Hab. 2:6, which will sooner break the back, than lighten the heart. The wise merchant, Matthew 13:44-45, parts with all to gain this Pearl of great price. The truth is, other riches are but a burden. Genesis 13:2, "Abraham was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold." The Hebrew is, "He was very heavy in cattle, in silver, and in gold"--

to signify, that riches are but heavy burdens.

Pheraulus, a poor man, on whom Cyrus bestowed so much, that he knew not what to do with his riches--being wearied out with care in keeping of them--he desired rather to live quietly, though poor, as he had done before, than to possess all those riches with discontent. Therefore he gave away all his wealth, desiring only to enjoy so much as might supply his necessities.

Let worldly professors think seriously of this story and blush.

A little will satisfy nature,

less will satisfy grace,

nothing will satisfy men's lusts.

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