

Hangmen

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon warns against the deception of worldly riches, which cannot enrich the soul and may lead to spiritual emptiness.

Scripture: Proverbs 23:5, Matthew 6:19

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the futility of worldly riches, arguing that they are deceptive and ultimately detrimental to the soul. He likens them to hangmen that obscure one's true self and lead to spiritual demise, as they cannot enrich the soul or provide lasting fulfillment. Brooks warns that while people may be adorned in wealth, many possess threadbare souls, and he reminds listeners that riches are fleeting and can vanish at any moment.

Transcript

As for worldly riches, the godly have always despised them, and preferred a contemplative life above them! The prophet calls them "thick clay," which will sooner break the back, than lighten the heart. Worldly riches cannot better the soul, they cannot enrich the soul. Ah! how many threadbare souls are to be found under silken cloaks and gowns!

How often are worldly riches like hangmen, they hide men's faces with a covering, that they may not see their own end, and then they hang them! And if they do not hang you--they will shortly leave you! They will "make themselves wings and fly away!" Proverbs 23:5

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