

# If You Attempt to Enthroned the Creature!

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*Christ will not tolerate competitors for His royal throne, and those who attempt to enthrone the creature will face destruction.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 49:4, Ezekiel 24:21, Matthew 6:19

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the danger of overvaluing earthly comforts and mercies, warning that when we prioritize them over Christ, we risk losing them. He illustrates that our hearts should be reserved for Christ alone, as He will not tolerate any rivals in our affections. Brooks cautions that indulging in these mercies can lead to spiritual idolatry, resulting in God removing those very blessings we cherish. He reminds Christians that true joy and comfort come from placing Christ at the center of our hearts, rather than allowing creature comforts to take His place. Ultimately, Brooks calls for a re-evaluation of our priorities, urging believers to ensure that Christ remains on the throne of their hearts.

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## Transcript

O Christian! God has removed one of your sweetest mercies, comforts, or enjoyments! It may be you have over-loved them, and over-prized them, and over-much delighted yourself in them. It may be they have often had your heart--when they should have had but your hand. It may be that care, that concern, that confidence, that joy--which should have been expended upon more noble objects--has been expended upon them!

Your heart is Christ's bed of spices--and it may be you have bedded your mercies with you--when Christ

has been made to lie outside! You have had room for them--when you have had none for Him! They have had the best--when the worst have been counted good enough for Christ!

It is said of Reuben, that he went up to his father's bed, Gen. 49:4. Ah! how often has one creature comfort, and sometimes another--been put in between Christ and your souls! How often have your dear enjoyments gone up to Christ's bed! Your near and dear mercies have come into Christ's bed of love--your hearts!

Now, if you take a husband, a child, a friend--into that room in your soul which only belongs to God--He will either embitter it, remove it, or be the death of it.

If once the love of a wife runs out more to a servant, than to her husband--the husband will remove that servant; though otherwise he was a servant worth gold.

Now, if God has stripped you of that very mercy with which you have often committed spiritual adultery and idolatry--have you any cause to murmur?

There are those who love their mercies into their graves--who hug their mercies to death--who kiss them until they kill them! Many a man has slain his mercies--by setting too great a value upon them! Many a man has sunk his ship of mercy--by overloading it. Over-loved mercies are seldom long-lived. The way to lose your mercies is to indulge them!

The way to destroy them is to fix your minds and hearts upon them. You may write bitterness and death upon that

mercy first--which has first taken away your heart from God.

Christian! Your heart is Christ's royal throne, and in this throne Christ will be chief! He will endure no competitor!

If you attempt to enthrone the creature--be it ever

so near and dear unto you--Christ will dethrone it! He

will destroy it! He will quickly lay them in a bed of dust

--who shall aspire to His royal throne!

"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am about to desecrate my sanctuary--the stronghold in which you take pride, the delight of your eyes, the object of your affection. The sons and daughters you left behind will fall by the sword!" Ezekiel 24:21

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