

In the Beams of This Heavenly Light

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon explores how divine knowledge fosters humility and self-awareness, contrasting it with the dangers of pride and self-importance.

Scripture: Psalm 139:23, Proverbs 11:2, Isaiah 6:5, 1 Timothy 1:15, James 4:6

Topics: "Humility", "Divine Knowledge"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that true divine knowledge brings individuals closer to God, leading to a profound sense of humility. He reflects on 1 Timothy 1:15, illustrating that as one gains clearer visions of God, they become more aware of their own shortcomings and unworthiness. This heavenly light reveals pride, ignorance, and other flaws, prompting a deeper self-examination and a lowly spirit before God. Brooks warns that knowledge that inflates self-importance ultimately leads to spiritual downfall, while genuine understanding fosters humility and communion with the divine.

Transcript

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

--and I am the worst of them." 1 Timothy 1:15

Divine and heavenly knowledge brings a man near to God;

it gives a man the clearest and fullest sight of God; and the

nearer any man comes to God, and the clearer visions he has

of God, the more low and humble will that man lie before God.

None so humble as those who have nearest communion with

God. The angels that are near unto Him cover their faces with

their wings, in token of humility. Divine knowledge makes a

man look inwards; it anatomizes a man to himself; it is a

mirror which shows a man the spots of his own soul, and

this makes him little and low in his own eyes.

In the beams of this heavenly light,

a Christian comes to see his own . . .

pride,

ignorance,

impatience,

unworthiness,

conceitedness,

worthlessness,

frowardness

nothingness.

That knowledge which swells you with self importance,

will undo you. That knowledge which puffs you with pride,

will sink you. That knowledge which makes you delightful

in your own eyes, will make you despicable in God's eyes.

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