

# Sin and They Would Never Part

by Thomas Brooks

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*A person's willingness to turn to God is often motivated by self-love and fear of punishment, rather than a genuine desire to follow God.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:10, Proverbs 28:13, Matthew 5:29-30, Romans 6:23, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:24, Ephesians 4:22-24, Hebrews 12:1, James 1:15, 1 John 1:9

**Topics:** "Repentance", "True Freedom from Sin"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that carnal men often seek to abandon their sins only in times of crisis, such as sickness or the fear of death, not out of a true hatred for their sins but rather from a selfish desire to escape punishment. He argues that if they could enjoy their sinful pleasures without consequence, they would cling to them without hesitation. The sermon highlights the distinction between a desire to avoid the effects of sin and a genuine desire to be free from sin itself, illustrating the need for true repentance and transformation.

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## Transcript

Carnal men, in times of sickness and distress, or in times of horror and terror of conscience, or when death, the king of terrors, knocks at their doors, or when they see hell gaping to devour them, and God as a solemn judge standing ready to pass an eternal doom upon them--only then they are willing to cast overboard their pleasures, their drunkenness, their swearing, their cursing, their lying, their flesh-pleasing, etc. But not out of any hatred to their lusts--but out of love to themselves, and out of fear of being damned, etc.; for could they but enjoy their sins and heaven too--sin and

they would never part.

A graceless heart is more abundantly willing to be freed from punishment--the effect of sin; than it is willing to be freed from sin--the cause of punishment.

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