

# Sinning Is Worse Than Suffering

by Thomas Brooks

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*Sinning is worse than suffering because it dishonors God and interrupts our communion with Him.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 66:18, Isaiah 59:2, Matthew 5:29-30, Romans 1:18, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Galatians 5:17, Hebrews 12:1, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8-9, 1 John 1:9

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that sinning is far worse than suffering, as sin dishonors God while suffering can glorify Him. He urges Christians to recognize the gravity of sin, which is the root of all grief, guilt, and separation from God. Brooks highlights that sin is the source of divine wrath and the cause of a troubled conscience, and he calls believers to actively resist and turn away from sin. He encourages the faithful to prioritize the battle against sin over the trials they face, asserting that a true believer would prefer to be free from sin than from suffering.

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## Transcript

Sinning is worse than suffering; for by men's sins

God is dishonored--but by their sufferings God is glorified.

Oh, that the Christian reader would seriously consider

of these things:

There is nothing that the great God hates--but sin.

There is nothing that God has revealed His wrath

from heaven against--but sin.

There is nothing that grieves the Spirit of grace--but sin.

There is nothing that wounds the conscience--but sin.

There is nothing that clouds the face of God--but sin.

There is nothing that interrupts our communion with

God--but sin.

There is nothing that embitters our mercies--but sin.

There is nothing that puts a sting into all our troubles  
and trials--but sin.

And therefore under all your sorrows and sufferings,  
crosses and losses--make it your great business . . .

to arm yourselves against sin,

and to pray against sin,

and to watch against sin,

and to turn from sin,

and to cease from sin,

and to get rid of sin,

and to stand forever in defiance of sin!

Assuredly every gracious heart had rather

be rid of his sins than of his sufferings!

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