

The Devil's Brat!

by Thomas Brooks

Sin is the greatest evil, an inward evil that reaches the soul, and is the sole object of God's hatred.

Scripture: Psalm 51:4, Isaiah 59:2, John 8:34, Romans 6:23, Romans 7:13, Galatians 5:17, Ephesians 2:1-3, Hebrews 12:1, James 1:15, 1 John 1:8

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the profound evil of sin in his sermon 'The Devil's Brat!', illustrating that sin is the ultimate source of all evils and the greatest threat to the soul. He explains that sin is not merely an outward affliction but an inward spiritual corruption that separates humanity from God and subjects them to His wrath. Brooks argues that while other evils may affect one's earthly existence, sin jeopardizes eternal well-being and communion with God. He highlights that sin is the devil's creation, worse than the devil himself, as it has led to the downfall of angels and the crucifixion of Christ. Ultimately, Brooks calls Christians to recognize sin as the greatest evil and to rise against it with fervor.

Transcript

"That sin might become utterly sinful." Romans 7:13

Paul, to set forth the formidable evil that is in sin, expresses it thus. He could find nothing more evil and odious to express sin by--than itself. Sin is so great an evil, that it cannot have a worse epithet given it. Paul can call it no worse than by its own name--sinful sin. Had he said that sin was a snare, a serpent, a viper, a toad, a plague, a devil, a hell, etc.--he would have said much--but yet not enough to set forth the transcendent evil which is in sin. Therefore he calls it sinful sin.

All other evils are but outward, they only reach the name, the body, the estate, the life--but sin is an inward evil, a spiritual evil, an evil that reaches the precious and immortal soul--and therefore is the greatest evil.

Death puts an end to all other troubles; namely, poverty, sickness, disgrace, scorn, contempt, afflictions, losses, etc.

But sin is so great an evil, that death itself cannot put an end to it! Eternity itself shall never put a stop, an end--to this evil of evils!

All other evils can never make a man the object of God's wrath and hatred. A man may be poor--and yet precious in the eyes of God; he may be greatly abhorred by the world --and yet highly honored by God; he may be debased by men--and yet exalted by God. But sin is so great an evil, that it subjects the sinner's soul to the wrath and hatred of God!

All other evils do but strike at a man's present well-being --but sin strikes at a man's eternal well-being! All other evils can never hinder a man's communion with God. A man may have communion with God in poverty, in sickness, in prison, in banishment. But sin is so great an evil, that it interrupts communion with God, it cuts off communion with God.

All outward evils are God's creatures: "Is there any evil in the city--which the Lord has not done?" But sin is the devil's brat--it is a creature of his own begetting! Yes, sin is worse than the devil! It is that which has turned glorious angels

into infernal devils!

All other evils do not fight against the greatest good--but sin is that grand evil that fights against the greatest good.

Sin fights against the being of God, the essence of God, the glory of God. Sin is a killing of God--it is a murdering of God.

Sin is a universal evil, it is all evil, it is nothing but evil; there is not one drop, one spark of good to be found in any sin. In all outward evils there is some good; there is some good in poverty, in sickness, in war, in death--but there is not the least good in sin.

Sin is the sole object of God's hatred!

He hates nothing but sin!

He is angry with nothing but sin!

He has forbid nothing but sin!

He has revealed his wrath against nothing but sin! So great an evil is sin!

Sin is that grand evil which has midwifed all other evils into the world. It was sin which drowned the old world with water. It was sin which destroyed Sodom with fire and brimstone.

It was sin which laid Jerusalem in heaps. It was sin which has midwifed sword, famine, and pestilence into the world. It was sin which laid the foundation of hell--for before sin there was no hell.

It was sin which crucified the Lord of glory!

Now, oh how great must that evil be--which has

ushered in all these great evils into the world!

Sin is enmity against God. God has no enemy in the world but sin, and those whom sin has made enemies.

Sin has set all the world against the Lord of glory. It is sin which has turned men into incarnate devils, and which has drawn them out to fight against God, and Christ, and their own souls, and their everlasting peace.

A Christian looks upon sin as the greatest evil in the world, and his heart rises and is enraged against it, because of the vile, filthy, odious, and heinous nature of it!

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