

# The Greatest Thief

by Thomas Brooks

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*Sin is the greatest thief, robbing people of their glory, divine sonship, and communion with God.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:27, Romans 3:23, Romans 8:15, Ephesians 2:12, James 4:4

**Topics:** "The Nature of Sin", "Spiritual Loss"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that sin is the greatest thief, robbing humanity of its most precious gifts, including the holy image of God, divine sonship, friendship with God, communion with Him, and ultimately, glory. He illustrates how sin has not only affected Adam but has also led all mankind into a state of misery and estrangement from God. Brooks warns of the extensive losses sin incurs, affecting health, wealth, honor, and relationships, urging listeners to recognize the profound impact of sin in their lives.

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## Transcript

Sin is the greatest thief, the greatest robber in the world.

It robbed the angels of all their glory. It robbed Adam of his paradise and felicity. Sin has robbed all mankind of five precious jewels, the least of which was more worth than heaven and earth.

1. Sin has robbed them of the holy and glorious image of God, which would have been engraved upon them, had Adam not fallen into sin.
2. Sin has robbed them of divine sonship--and has made them slaves of Satan.
3. Sin has robbed them of divine friendship--and made them enemies to God.

4. Sin has robbed them of communion and fellowship with God--and made them strangers and aliens to Him.

5. Sin has robbed them of their glory--and made them vile and miserable.

Oh! the health, the wealth, the honor, the friends,  
the relations--which sin has robbed thousands of!

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