

The Most Powerful Charm of Satan

by Thomas Brooks

Chasing honors, riches, and pleasures leads to eternal woe, as they are mere shadows and vanities.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:2, Matthew 6:19

Topics: "Eternal Consequences", "Worldly Temptations"

Description

Thomas Brooks warns against the allure of honors, riches, and pleasures, describing them as deceptive idols that people worship, sacrificing their true potential and devotion to God. He emphasizes that these pursuits are ultimately empty and insubstantial, akin to shadows and dreams, leading individuals into a false sense of security. Brooks cautions that these charms of Satan can lull people into complacency, resulting in eternal consequences after death. The sermon serves as a stark reminder of the vanity of worldly desires and the importance of seeking true substance in faith.

Transcript

Honors, riches, and pleasures are the three deities,
which all people adore, and to whom they continually
sacrifice their best thoughts and energies. These, for
their unparalleled vanity, may well be called "the
vanity of vanities!"

Honors, riches, and pleasures are but . . .

a mere shadow,

a vapor,

a feather in the cap,

a breath,

a froth,

a dream,

a nothing.

They are without true substance. Like in a dream,
you imagine they have substance--you grasp at
them and awake--and they are nothing!

And yet, they are the most powerful charm
of Satan, whereby he lulls men to sleep in the
paradise of fools; to cast them, after they die,
into the bottomless pit of eternal woe!

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