

Without Holiness

by Thomas Brooks

Without holiness, no one will see the Lord, and the consequences of living without holiness are eternal separation from God and confinement to the prison of hell.

Scripture: Matthew 5:8, Romans 6:22, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Ephesians 1:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:7, Hebrews 12:14, James 1:27, 1 Peter 1:16, 1 John 3:3, Revelation 21:27

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the critical necessity of holiness for anyone seeking to encounter God, asserting that without it, no one--regardless of status--can attain a true relationship with the Lord in this life or the next. He warns of the dire consequences for the unholy, who face eternal separation from God and the torment of hell, highlighting that the loss of holiness equates to the loss of one's soul, Christ, and heaven itself. Brooks passionately urges his listeners to pursue holiness, cautioning that failure to do so may indicate a hardened heart and spiritual blindness.

Transcript

"Without holiness no one will see the Lord." Heb. 12:14

To 'see' implies both vision and fruition. Without holiness, no man--be he high or low, noble or ignoble, rich or poor, etc., shall ever come to a blessed acquaintance with God here, or to a glorious fruition and enjoyment of God hereafter.

Oh, how great a misery,

how great a punishment,

how great an affliction,

how great a trouble and torment,

how great a tribulation,

how great a hell

--will it be for all unholy people to be forever and ever banished the court of heaven, and to be shut out from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power--and to be everlastingly confined to the prison of hell, and to the society and company of that damned crew who will be still a-cursing and a-blaspheming God, and adding to one another's torments!

Ah, friends! without holiness all is lost . . .

your soul is lost,

Christ is lost,

God is lost,

heaven is lost,

glory is lost!

What are all other losses, compared to these losses?

Well, sirs, if none of these arguments can prevail with you to labor after holiness, I must conclude . . .

that divine justice has hardened you,

that Satan has blinded you,

that your lusts have besotted you,

that this world has bewitched you,

and that it would have been ten thousand thousand

times better for you, to have never been born, than

to live without holiness, and

to die without holiness, and

to be everlastingly damned for lack of holiness.

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