

# Where-E'er My Flatt'ring Passions Rove

by Isaac Watts

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*The sermon warns of the dangers of allowing our passions and distractions to control us, and encourages us to focus on our love for God as the source of true happiness and fulfillment.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 37:4, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 10:37, Matthew 18:3, 1 John 2:15

**Topics:** "Idolatry", "Spiritual Freedom"

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## Description

Isaac Watts preaches about the dangers of letting our passions, friendships, family ties, and even our own children take precedence over our love for God. He highlights how these earthly attachments can distract us from God's eternal beauty and lead us astray, likening them to lurking snares and powerful bands that control our hearts. Watts calls for a breaking of these fetters and a freeing of our spirits, emphasizing that true bliss and fulfillment can only be found in God Himself.

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## Transcript

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I find a lurking snare;

'Tis dangerous to let loose our love

Beneath th'eternal fair.

Souls whom the tie of friendship binds,

And partners of our blood,

Seize a large portion of our minds,

And leave the less for God.

Nature has soft but powerful bands,

And reason she controls;

While children with their little hands

Hang closest to our souls.

Thoughtless they act th'old serpent's part;  
What tempting things they be!  
Lord, how they twine about our heart,  
And draw it off from thee!  
Dear Sovereign, break these fetters off,  
And set our spirits free;  
God in himself is bliss enough,  
For we have all in Thee.

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