

Away With It!

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon emphasizes the importance of humility in recognizing the inadequacy of one's own righteousness and relying solely on the righteousness of Christ.

Scripture: Isaiah 64:6, Matthew 5:20, Luke 18:14, Romans 10:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 3:9, James 4:6, Revelation 4:10

Topics: "Humility", "Righteousness of Christ"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the necessity of humility in recognizing that our own righteousness is inadequate and worthless compared to the righteousness of Christ. He cites the Apostle Paul, who declares his desire to be found in Christ, devoid of personal righteousness. Brooks argues that true humility is demonstrated by discarding our own righteousness and fully relying on Christ's perfect righteousness. He warns against the pride that can accompany religious activities, urging believers to see their own efforts as insufficient. Ultimately, a humble soul acknowledges that all righteousness comes from Christ alone, symbolized by the twenty-four elders casting their crowns before Him.

Transcript

A humble person overlooks his own righteousness, and

lives upon the righteousness of the Lord Jesus.

The apostle Paul overlooks his own righteousness, and lives

wholly upon the righteousness of Christ: "I desire to be found

in him," says he, "not having a righteousness of my own."

Away with it! It is dross, it is dung, it is dog's meat! It is . . .

a rotten righteousness,

an imperfect righteousness,

a weak righteousness, which is of the law.

But that which is through the faith of Christ, the

righteousness which is from God by faith--that is . . .

a spotless righteousness,

a pure righteousness,

a complete righteousness,

an incomparable righteousness!

And, therefore, a humble soul overlooks his own

righteousness, and lives upon Christ's righteousness.

Remember this--all the sighing, mourning, sobbing, and

complaining in the world, does not so undeniably evidence

a man to be humble, as his overlooking his own righteousness,

and living really and purely upon the righteousness of Christ.

Men may do much, hear much, pray much, fast much, and

give much, etc., and yet be as proud as Lucifer--as you may

see in the Scribes and Pharisees.

Oh! but for a man now to trample upon his own righteousness,

and to live wholly upon the righteousness of Christ, this speaks

out a man to be humble indeed. There is nothing that the heart

of man stands more averse to than this--of discarding his own

righteousness. Man is a creature apt to warm himself with the

sparks of his own fire, though he does lie down for it in eternal

sorrow! Man is naturally prone to go about to establish his own

righteousness, and to make a savior of it.

But a humble soul disclaims his own righteousness: "All our

righteousness is as filthy rags." In Revelation 4, the twenty-four

elders throw down their crowns at the feet of Christ. By their

crowns you may understand their gifts, their excellencies, their

righteousness; they throw down these before Christ's throne,

to note to us, that they did not put confidence in them, and that Christ was the crown of crowns and the top of all their royalty and glory. A humble soul looks upon Christ's righteousness as his only crown.

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