

Conflicts Against Sin

by Thomas Brooks

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the necessity for Christians to engage in a total conflict against all sin, recognizing its universal impact on their relationship with God.

Scripture: Psalm 119:104, Matthew 5:29-30, Romans 7:15, 2 Corinthians 10:5, Galatians 5:17, Ephesians 6:12, Hebrews 12:1, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8, 1 John 1:8-10

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the Christian's universal conflict against sin, highlighting that true believers detest all forms of sin, regardless of their perceived severity or pleasure. He illustrates how sin has led even the most righteous figures in the Bible to downfall, instilling a deep hatred for all sin within the believer's heart. Unlike the wicked, who selectively combat certain sins while embracing others, the Christian desires the complete eradication of all sin from their life. This passionate struggle against sin reflects a commitment to God's holiness and a longing for personal peace and comfort. Brooks calls for a holistic approach to sin, urging believers to seek justice against all transgressions.

Transcript

"I hate every false way." Psalm 119:104. The Hebrew

signifies to hate with a deadly and irreconcilable hatred.

A Christian conflicts against sin universally--the least

as well as the greatest; the most profitable and the most

pleasing sin, as well as against those which are less pleasing

and profitable. He will combat with all sin, though he cannot

conquer one as he should, and as he desires. He knows that

all sin strikes at God's holiness, as well as his own happiness;

at God's glory, as well as at his soul's comfort and peace.

The Christian knows that all sin is hateful to God, and

that all sinners are traitors to the crown and dignity of the Lord Jesus. He looks upon one sin, and sees that which threw down Noah, the most righteous man in the world; and he looks upon another sin, and sees that which cast down Abraham, the greatest believer in the world; and he looks upon another sin, and sees that which threw down David, the best king in the world.

He sees that one sin threw down Samson, the strongest man in the world; another cast down Solomon, the wisest man in the world; and another Moses, the meekest man in the world; and another sin cast down Job, the most patient man in the world. This raises a holy indignation against all sin, so that nothing can satisfy and content his soul, but a destruction of all those lusts and vermin which vex and rack his righteous soul.

It will not suffice a gracious soul to see justice done upon one sin--but he cries out for justice upon all.

He would not have some crucified and others spared; but cries out, "Lord, crucify them all, crucify them all!

Though there is no one sin mortified and subdued in me, as it should be, and as I would desire; yet every sin is hated and loathed by me."

Oh! but the conflict which is in wicked men is partial.

They frown upon one sin and smile upon another; they strike at some sins yet stroke others; they thrust some out of doors but keep others close in their bosoms; as

you may see in Jehu, Herod, Judas, Simon Magus, and Demas. Wicked men strike at gross sins, such as are against the laws of society--but make nothing of lesser sins; as vain thoughts and idle words. They fight against those sins which fight against their honor, profits, and pleasures; but make truce with those which are as dear as right hands and as right eyes to them.

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