

# Do Not Be Overawed

by Thomas Brooks

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*Do not be overawed by the worldly success of others, for it is fleeting and will not bring true comfort or wealth.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 73:12

**Topics:** "Eternal Perspective", "Wealth and Prosperity"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the futility of envying the wicked, who may appear carefree and prosperous in life but face dire consequences in death. He reflects on Psalm 73, illustrating that true understanding comes from entering God's sanctuary, where one realizes the ultimate fate of the wicked. Brooks warns that worldly wealth and glory provide no comfort in the afterlife, urging believers to focus on eternal values rather than temporary riches. The sermon serves as a reminder that material possessions are fleeting and should not overshadow one's spiritual journey.

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## Transcript

"This is what the wicked are like--always carefree, they increase in wealth. When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me--until I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. Surely You place them on slippery ground; You cast them down to ruin. How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!" Psalm 73

When the bodies of the wicked are rotting in their graves, and their souls are roaring in hell, none of their worldly greatness, pomp, state, glory, gallantry, riches, houses, or revenues, shall descend after them to administer one drop of comfort to them! Therefore never envy their

outward prosperity or worldly glory.

"Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases; for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him." Psalm 49:16-17

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