

Fading Glory!

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon emphasizes the fleeting nature of earthly inheritances and the lasting nature of the heavenly inheritance, which remains fresh and resplendent for believers.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:6, 1 Peter 1:4

Topics: "Eternal Inheritance", "Transience of Earthly Glory"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the transient nature of earthly glory, comparing it to flowers that quickly wither and fade. He reflects on the historical rise and fall of great kingdoms, illustrating that all worldly inheritances ultimately lose their splendor. In contrast, he highlights the eternal and unchanging glory of the heavenly inheritance promised to believers, which remains vibrant and everlasting. Brooks encourages his listeners to seek this incorruptible inheritance, reminding them of the joy and security it brings. The sermon serves as a powerful reminder of the fleeting nature of worldly achievements compared to the lasting glory found in God.

Transcript

"An inheritance which does not fade away." 1 Peter 1:4

This is a metaphor taken from flowers. The beauty of flowers, and the sweetness of flowers--wither in a moment, and are quickly gone. And then they are good for nothing but to be cast upon the ash-heap! So it is with all earthly inheritances--they soon lose their glory and fragranc. Where is the glory of the Chaldean, Persian, Grecian, and Roman kingdoms? Fading glory! has been long since, written upon them all! Yes, all the glory of the world is like the

flower of the field--which soon fades away!

How many great men and great kingdoms have for a time shined in great glory, even like so many suns in the sky--but are now vanished away like so many blazing comets! How soon is the courtier's glory eclipsed--if his prince does but frown upon him! And how soon does the prince become a peasant--if God does but frown upon him!

Indeed the excellency of the heavenly inheritance, is that it will never fade or wither away. All the glory of heaven is like God Himself--lasting, yes, everlasting! This never-fading inheritance of believers is always fresh and resplendent. The glory of believers shall never fade nor wither, nor grow old nor rusty. Thrice happy are those who have a share in this incorruptible inheritance!

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