

I Hate Vain Thoughts

by Thomas Brooks

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the importance of recognizing and detesting vain thoughts and secret sins in the life of a holy man.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 32:26, Psalm 19:12-13, Psalm 119:113, Proverbs 21:2, Jeremiah 17:10, Matthew 5:28, Galatians 6:7, Hebrews 4:13, James 4:6, 1 John 1:8-9

Topics: "Humility", "Secret Sins"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the importance of recognizing and detesting vain thoughts, which are often hidden from others but significant in the eyes of God. He illustrates that a holy man is aware of the dangers of secret sins, understanding that they require repentance just as openly visible sins do. Brooks points out that these hidden sins can be more perilous and that they grieve the Holy Spirit, urging believers to confront and humble themselves regarding their inner struggles. He draws on the example of Hezekiah, who humbled himself for the pride of his heart, highlighting the need for self-examination and accountability in one's spiritual life.

Transcript

"I hate vain thoughts." Psalm 119:113

The heart of a holy man rises against secret sins,
against such as lie furthest off from the eye of man.

What is more secret than vain thoughts? And yet
against these, the heart of a holy man rises.

Hezekiah humbled himself for "the pride of his heart."

Heart-sins lie most hidden and secret; and yet for
these, a holy man humbles himself.

A holy man knows that secret sins are sins--as well as
those which are open. He knows that secret sins must

be repented of--as well as others. He knows that God takes notice of secret sins--as well as of open sins. He knows that secret sins--like secret diseases and secret wounds--do oftentimes prove most dangerous and pernicious. He knows that secret sins are the price of Christ's blood--as well as open sinnings. He knows that secret sins are a grief to the Spirit--as well as those which are manifest. Upon all which accounts--a holy heart rises in a detestation of secret sins.

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/thomas-brooks/i-hate-vain-thoughts/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net