

The Hypocrite's Hope

by Thomas Brooks

The hypocrite's hope is a false assurance that perishes when confronted with the truth of God's Word, and it is only through true faith and a desire to live a righteous life that we can experience genuine hope.

Scripture: Job 8:13, Job 27:8, Proverbs 11:7, Romans 6:23, Galatians 6:7

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the futility of the hypocrite's hope, warning that those who live in sin and presume upon God's grace without true repentance face dire consequences. He cites Job 27:8 and Proverbs 11:7 to illustrate that the hopes of the wicked perish at death, and that false assurance leads to greater misery in damnation. Brooks calls for deliverance from such false hopes and urges the pursuit of a divine hope that fosters a hatred for sin. The sermon serves as a stark reminder of the importance of genuine faith and repentance.

Transcript

"For what hope do the godless have, when God cuts them off and takes away their life?" Job 27:8

"When the wicked die, their hopes all perish." Prov. 11:7

That assurance is but presumption, which allows men . . .

to play with sin,

to be bold with sin,

to make light of sin,

to walk on in ways of sin.

Such 'assurance' will never bring a man to heaven; it will never keep him from dropping into hell; yes, it will double his damnation, and make him the most

miserable among all damned, wretched, forlorn spirits.

"So are the paths of all who forget God; and the
hypocrite's hope shall perish." Job 8:13

Ah, Lord! from such false hopes deliver my soul;
and give me more and more of that divine hope
which makes sin to be more hateful than hell.

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