



Devotional Thoughts :: Heaven would be a very hell -brooks

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(Thomas Brooks, "The Crown and Glory of Christianity, or, HOLINESS, the Only Way to Happiness", 1662)

"Yet they say to God--Leave us alone! We have no desire to know Your ways." Job 21:14

Heaven would be a very hell to an unholy heart.
If now--the presence of God in His servants, and the presence of God in His ordinances--is such a hell to unholy souls; ah, what a hell would the presence of God in heaven be--to unholy hearts!

It is true, an unholy heart may desire heaven--as it is a place of freedom from troubles, afflictions, oppressions, vexations, etc., and as it is a place of peace, rest, ease, safety, etc. But this is the least and lowest part of heaven.

To desire heaven as it is . . .
a place of purity,
a place of grace,
a place of holiness,
a place of enjoying God, etc.
--is above the reach of an unholy heart.

The company of heaven are all holy,
the employments of heaven are all holy,
the enjoyments of heaven are all holy--
therefore heaven would be a most undesirable thing to unholy hearts.

An unholy heart is no way desirous nor ambitious of such a heaven . . .
as will rid him of his darling sins,
as will make him conformable to a holy God,
as will everlastingly divorce him from his precious lusts,
as will link him forever to those gracious souls whom he has scorned, despised, and persecuted in this world.

Re: Heaven would be a very hell -brooks - posted by enid, on: 2007/3/5 1:54

Right now, this world is hell for the believer.

Who wants to be living in this?

God help us to be heavenly minded, and reject the things of this world, so that it does not spell our ultimate doom.

God bless.

Re: Heaven would be a very hell -brooks - posted by joyinjesus8 (), on: 2007/3/5 8:20

I agree with you Enid.

I have no desire to be without the Lord. Imagine being cut off from Him for eternity - an unbearable thought.

We sing:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful Face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Vanity Fair has nothing to offer us that could be remotely compared to the inheritance waiting for us.

Re: Heaven would be a very hell -brooks - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/3/5 8:33

This is a keeper - one I will copy/paste into my files.

Hell - someone has said in order for it to exist, all God has to do is remove his presence. When I think about it in this manner, I will have to agree. It is God's presence in this world that we have any semblance of order, beauty and joy. Without it invites chaos. A practical example of this is modern music: the discordant sounds they produce come from a mind at war with God.

Thanks for the post..

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/3/5 9:35

ginnyrose,
That part about the music, while true, could easily turn this thread.

I could be wrong.

God bless.