

**Devotional Thoughts :: Hell would be the place of greatest pleasure -brooks**

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

"They delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil." Proverbs 2:14

Unsanctified people . . .
take pleasure in unrighteousness,
rejoice to do evil,
make a sport of sin,
delight to dishonor God,
damn their own immortal souls.

Holiness only debars men from the sinful joys, delights, and pleasures of life.

What a mercy it is, to be taken off from that carnal mirth which ends in mourning--and from those vain delights which end in unspeakable torments--and from that foolish jollity which leads to everlasting misery!

Ah, what folly and madness it is, for men to run the hazard of losing the kingdom of heaven, and the eternal pleasures which are at God's right hand--for those short-lived pleasures which are like the early dew which soon passes away! Ah, who would endure an ocean of torture--for a drop of sensual pleasure?

All sensual pleasures . . .
defile the soul,
debase the soul,
debauch the soul,
take off the heart from God,
deaden the heart towards God.

Sensual pleasures and delights cannot satisfy the soul of man; they are but frothy and flashy. They only wet the mouth--they never warm the heart. Sensual pleasures seem substantial in the pursuit --but are mere clouds in the enjoyment.

There is nothing in carnal delights, but imagination and expectation. For they can neither fill the heart, nor satisfy the heart.

O sirs, there is no real pleasure in sin! All the pleasures of sin are counterfeit pleasures; they are but the shapes and shadows of pleasure. They are

the seeds of future grief; they are but a pledge laid down for sorrow or ruin. Certainly if there were the least real delight in sin--hell could never be hell. Yes, then it would follow that hell would be the place of greatest pleasure--for doubtless hell is the place of greatest sin.

Oh, don't deceive your own souls! There can be no real joy in sensual pleasures. What real delight or pleasure can there be in fooling and staggering in an ale-house or tavern; in swaggering and swearing; in dicing and carding; in dancing, partying, and whoring; in pursuing after lying vanities? Surely none! As for those seeming pleasures which attend the ways of sin--ah, how soon do they vanish and leave a sting behind them!

Look! all the pleasures which manhood takes a person off from--are babyish and toyish pleasures; such as from delighting in a rattle, a doll, a feather, a hobby-horse, a wooden sword, etc. Just so, all the pleasures and delights which holiness takes a man off from--they are babyish and foolish; yes, they are vile, dangerous, and devilish!

Holiness is only an exchange . . .
of sinful delights--for those which are holy;
of carnal delights--for those which are spiritual;
of earthly delights--for those which are heavenly.

He who delights in sensual pleasures shall find at last--that his greatest pleasures will become his bitterest pains!

Re: Hell would be the place of greatest pleasure -brooks - posted by enid, on: 2007/3/27 5:54

It could not be more obvious that the Church today in the west, is seeking after sensual pleasures, but cloaking it by calling it 'fun'.

Sometimes, I see the Church as more wicked than the world. At least the world hates God and does not pretend to have any interest in Him one iota.

The Church, however, has the word of God, a place where they meet to 'worship god' etc, and then go and do as THEY please, whenever THEY want, no holds barred.

The fear of God is missing in most Christians.

We are always talking about the remnant, based on 1 Kings 19v18, which is also mentioned in Romans 11v4-5.

Sometimes, I don't think we realise just how small 7,000 is compared to the millions that were around at that time.

But with God, 7,000 for the entire world is all He needs to get the job done.

What job is that?

Namely, the gospel.

'The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God, Ps 9v17.

The wicked. Who are they?

God's word is clear about that.

For God's glory, let's win the wicked for the Lord.

God bless.

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And this says it all in a nutshell!

Appreciate this post...will have to save it to my personal files for sharing it later with another audience.

ginnyrose