



# Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices

## Satan's Devices to draw the soul to sin, Pt. 2

**Device: "By painting sin with virtue's colors."**

Definition: "Satan knows that if he should present sin in its own nature and dress, the soul would rather fly from it than yield to it; and therefore he presents it to us, not in its own proper colors, but painted and cover thinly with gold over with the name and promise of virtue, that we may the more easily be overcome by it, and take the more pleasure in committing of it."

**\*In what ways can you see Satan using this device in Gainesville?**

**Pride** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Covetousness** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Drunkenness** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Riotousness** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Reckless Living** = \_\_\_\_\_

**\*In what ways can you see Satan using this device in/with scripture?**

**Mark 12:41-41; Luke 21:1-3** → The rich give large sums, while A widow gives two coins

**Luke 12:13-21** → The Parable of the Rich Fool

**1 Kings 11** → The sin of Solomon

**1Tim 5:23/ Luke 7:34**

**Others:**

**\*In what ways have you experienced this device?**

### The Remedies

- 1. Consider, that sin is never a little less filthy, vile, and abominable, by its being colored and painted with virtues colors.**

*"...nor the devil is never a little less a devil because he appears sometimes like an angel of light. so neither is sin any less filthy and abominable by its being painted over with virtue's colors."*

**Isaiah 64:6** *We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.*

## **2. That the more sin is painted fourth under the color of virtue, the more dangerous it is to the souls of men.**

“Their souls have had sweet and glorious communion with God- in two ways of highest vanity and folly, by Satan's neat coloring over the sin and painting forth Vice under the name and color of virtue.”

“The most dangerous Vermin is too often to be found under the fairest and sweetest flowers... so are the fairest and sweetest names upon the greatest and the most horrible vices and errors that be in the world.”

**Matt 7:22-23** *On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'*

**\*What types of examples do you think Thomas Brooks is referencing?**

## **3. To look on sin with an eye so that within a few hours we shall see it.**

“Ah, souls! when you shall lie upon a dying bed, and stand before a judgment-seat, sin shall be unmasked, and its dress and robes shall then be taken off, and then it shall appear more vile, filthy, and terrible than hell itself; then, that which formerly appeared most sweet will appear most bitter, and that which appeared most beautiful will appear most ugly, and that which appeared most delightful will then appear most dreadful to the soul.”

“...He hides his deformed head till his sweet scent hath drawn them into his danger. Till we have sinned, Satan is a parasite; when we have sinned, he is a tyrant.”

“Oh! Therefore, look upon sin now as you must look upon it to all eternity, and as God, conscience, and Satan will present it to you another day!”

**\*What do you do to see if sin is behind a particular choice, opportunity, or decision? How do you respond when you find sin?**

**“That even those very sins that Satan paints, and puts new names and colors upon, cost the best blood, the noblest blood, the life-blood, the heart blood of the Lord Jesus.”**

“the God of life be put to death; that he that is one with his Father should cry out in misery, ‘*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*’... should be crowned with thorns, and those eyes, purer than the sun, put out by the darkness of death;... those hands, that freely swayed the scepter of heaven, nailed to the cross; those feet, ‘*like unto fine brass,*’ nailed to the cross for man's sins;... his soul, comfortless and forsaken; and all this for those very sins that Satan paints and puts fine colors upon! Oh! how should the consideration of this stir up the soul against it, and work the soul to fly from it, and to use all holy means whereby sin may be subdued and destroyed!”

“So that when we consider that sin has slain our Lord Jesus, ah, how should it provoke our hearts to be revenged on sin, that sin which has murdered the Lord of glory, and has done that mischief that all the devils in hell can never have done?”

“*Never let go out of your minds the thoughts of a crucified Christ*. Let these be meat and drink unto you; let them be your sweetness and consolation, your honey and your desire your reading and your meditation, your life, death, and resurrection “