



***Precious Remedies
Against Satan's Devices***

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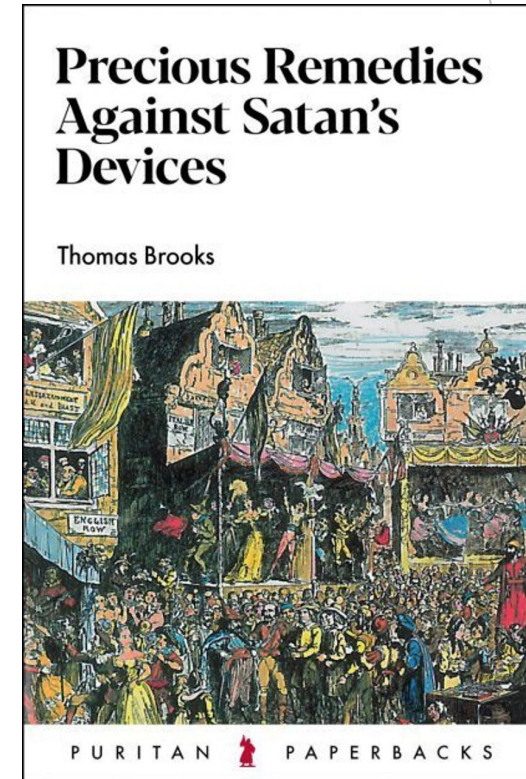
2 Cor 2:10–11 – *“Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.”*

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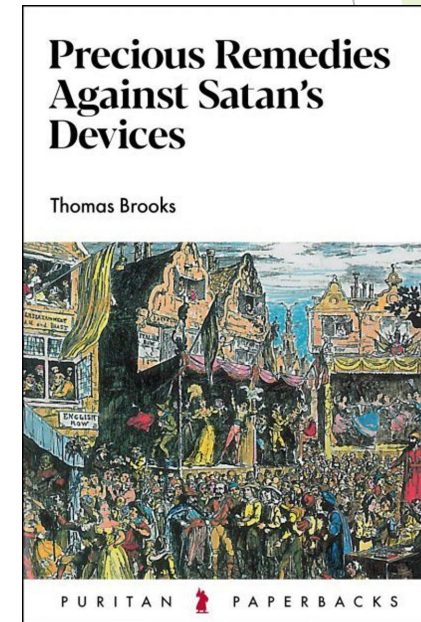
THE PLAN

- ▶ I. Thomas Brooks (1608-1680)
 - Who Was He?
- ▶ II. *Precious Remedies* as a Work
(Devices and Remedies!)
- ▶ III. Small Group Discussion
- ▶ IV. Brooks' Ten "Helps"



I. Who was Thomas Brooks (1608 - 1680)?

- ▶ Born in 1608
- ▶ Entered Emmanuel College, Oxford, in 1625
- ▶ Ordained as chaplain to Parliamentary fleet (*“Through grace I can say that I would not exchange my sea experiences for England’s riches.”*)
- ▶ Ministered at St. Paul’s and St. Margaret’s in London
- ▶ Married twice - Martha Burgess, Patience Cartwright
- ▶ *“He had a body of divinity in his head and the power of it in his heart.”*



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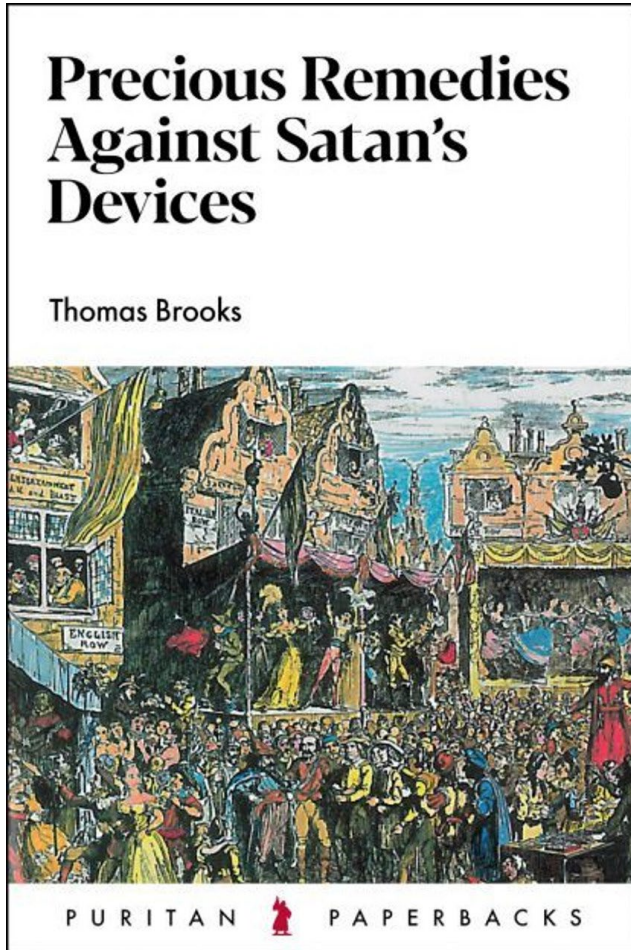


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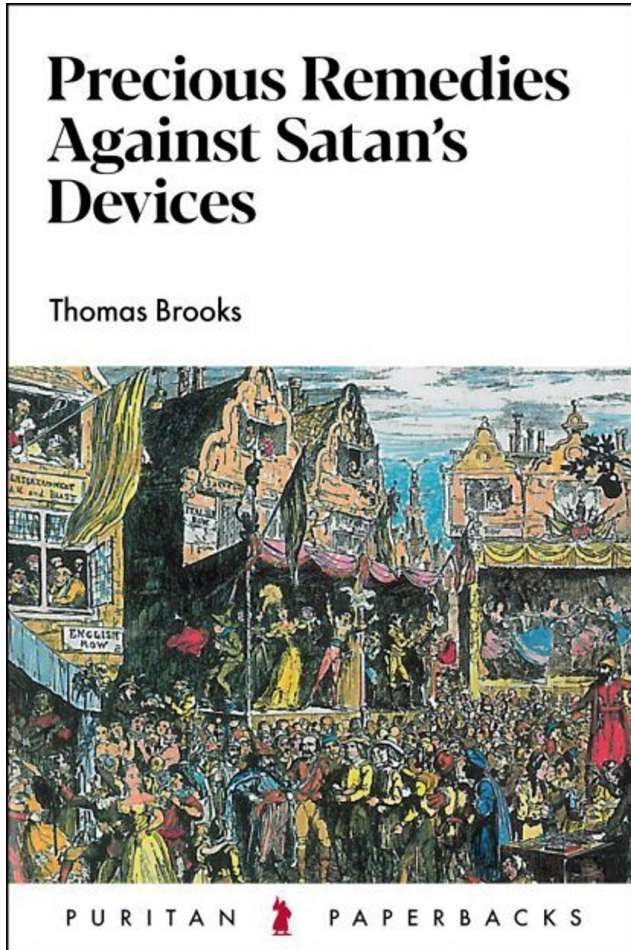
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II. *Precious Remedies* as a Work



- ▶ “... the snares of the great deceiver.”
- ▶ **Eph 6:11–13** – “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God ...”

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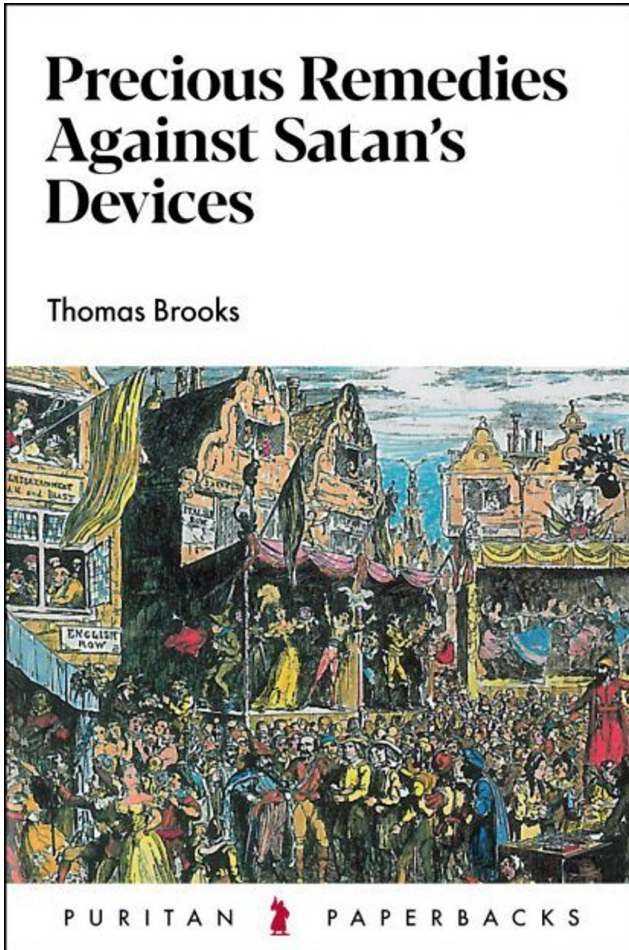
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- ▶ 2 Tim 2:25–26 – “God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”
- ▶ Rev 2:24 – “But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.”

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- ▶ 1 Tim 3:7 – “... he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.”
- ▶ Eph 4:27 – “... and give no opportunity to the devil.”
- ▶ James 4:7 – “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
- ▶ 1 Pet 5:8 – “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

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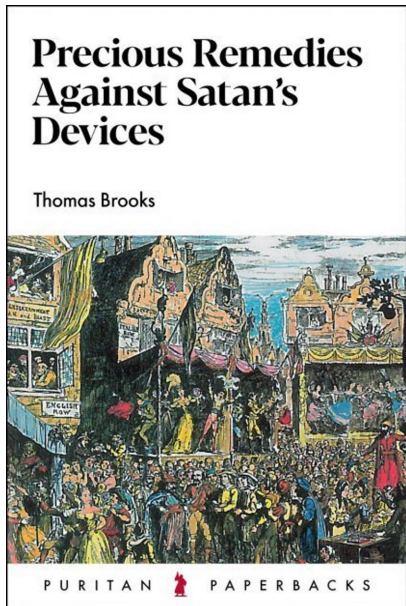


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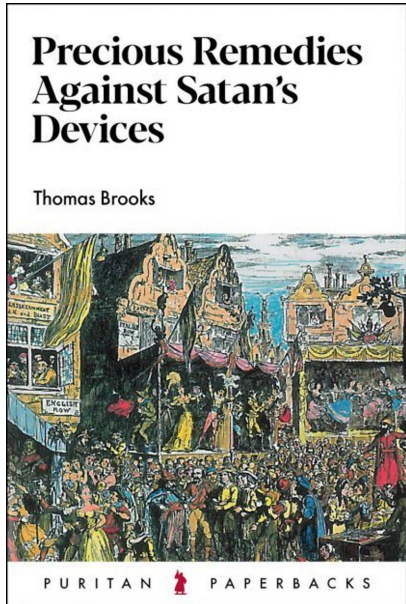
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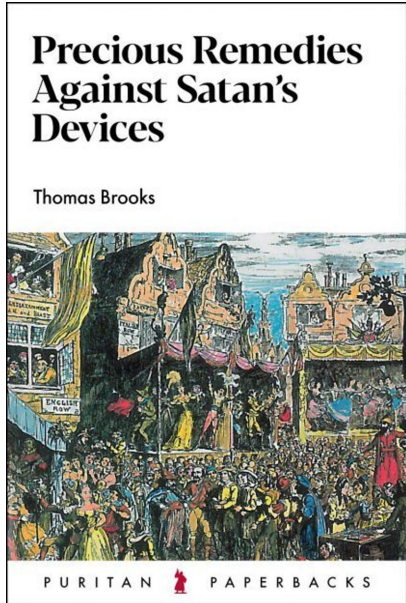
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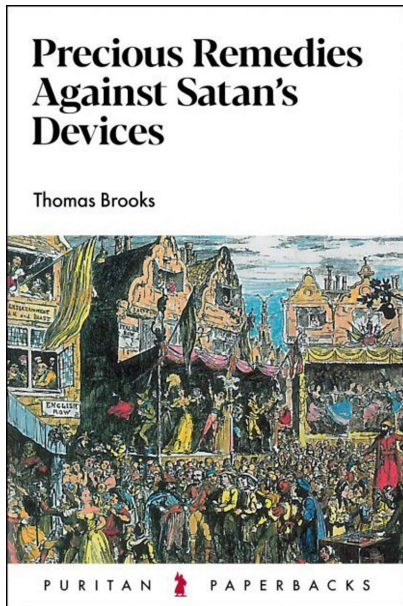
8 Devices “to destroy and ensnare all sorts and ranks of men in the world.”

(the honorable/great, the learned/wise, the saints, and poor, ignorant souls)

▶ 30 Remedies

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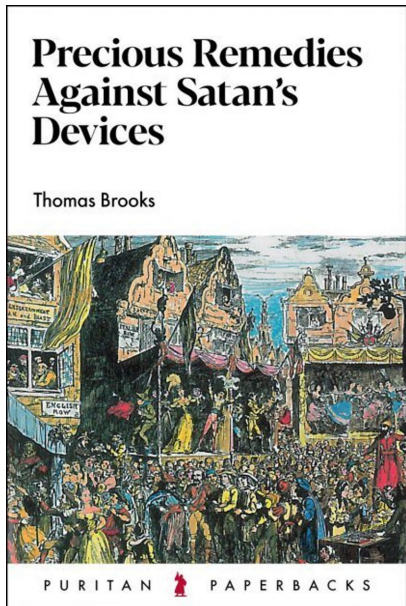


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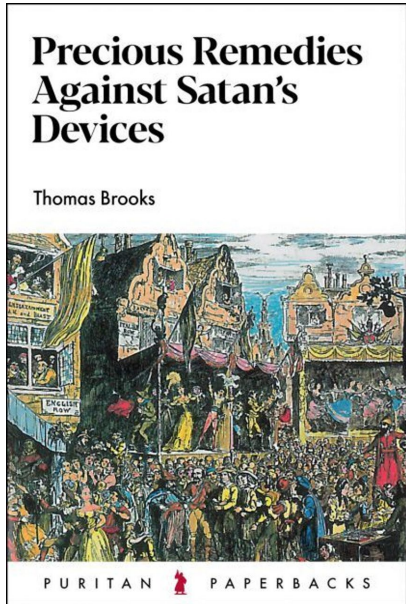
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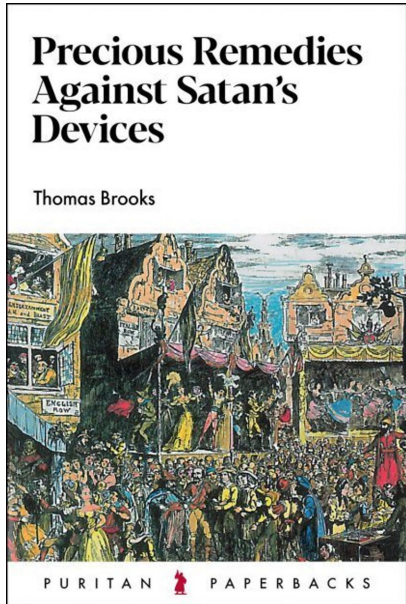
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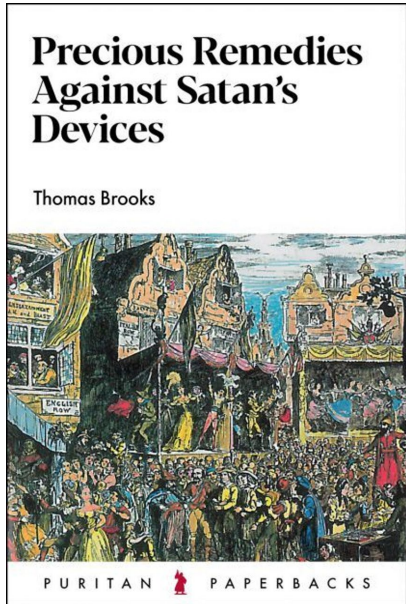
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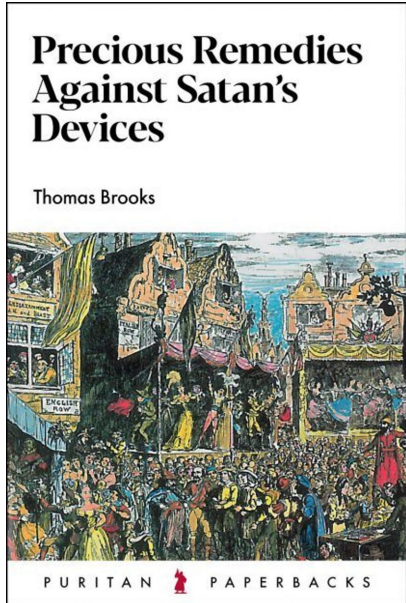
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10 Helps against “all of his devices.”

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REMEDY 1 – *“Keep at the greatest distance from sin, and from playing with the golden bait ...”*

REMEDY 2 – *“To consider, That sin is but a bitter sweet ...”*

REMEDY 3 – *“... That sin will usher in the greatest and the saddest losses that can be upon our souls.”*

REMEDY 4 – *“That sin is of a very deceitful and bewitching nature ...”*

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REMEDY 4 – *“A little hole in the ship sinks it; a small breach in a sea-bank carries away all before it; a little stab at the heart kills a man; and a little sin, without a great deal of mercy, will damn a man.”*

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REMEDY 2 – *“To consider, that all the afflictions that do befall the saints, do only reach their worser part; they reach not, they hurt not, their noble part, their best part.”*

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REMEDY 7 – *“To consider, That as there is nothing in Christ to discourage the greatest sinners from believing in him, so there is everything in Christ that may encourage the greatest sinners to believe on him, to rest and lean upon him for all happiness and blessedness.”*

III. Small Group Discussion

1. How does this device of Satan resonates with you? How does it show up in your life?



2. What are some remedies Brooks gives that might help you (look them up!)?

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"It is the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ that is best able to discover Satan's snares against us; it is only he that can point out all his plots, and discover all his methods ..."

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"It is not the most knowing Christian, but the most wise Christian, that sees, avoids, and escapes Satan's snares."

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"He that will play with Satan's bait, will quickly be taken with Satan's hook."

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"The devil hath least power to fasten a temptation on him that is most humble."

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"Satan works most strongly on the fancy when the soul is drowsy ... Watchfulness ... is a continual, careful observing of our hearts and ways, in all the turnings of our lives, that we still keep close to God and his word."

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"A soul high in communion with God may be tempted, but will not easily be conquered."

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"You must lean more upon Christ than upon your duties ..."

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tell God that you have neither skill nor power to escape his snares ...
tell God how his honor is engaged to stand by you ...
tell God of the love of Christ, of the blood of Christ, and of the
intercession of Christ for you, that a way may be found to save you
from falling into Satan's snares;
tell God if he will make it his honor to save you from falling ... you will
make it your glory to speak of his goodness and to live out his kindness."*



► *“My desires to you are--That you would make it your business to study Christ, his Word, your own hearts, Satan’s plots, and eternity--more than ever. That you would endeavor more to be inwardly sincere than outwardly glorious; to live, than to have a mere name to live ... For a close, remember this, that your life is short, your duties many, your assistance great, and your reward sure; therefore faint not, hold on and hold up, in ways of well-doing, and heaven shall make amends for all!”*

