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(John Owen)

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Colossians 3:1-2

Fix your affections upon the things that are above, and this will enable you to mortify sin. Heavenly things are blessed and suitable objects--God Himself, in His beauty and glory; the Lord Jesus Christ, who is 'altogether lovely,' the 'chief of ten thousand'; grace and glory; and the blessed promises of the gospel.

Were our affections filled, taken up, and possessed with these things, as it is our duty that they should be --and it is our happiness when they are--what access could sin, with its painted pleasures, with its sugared poisons, with its envenomed baits, have into our souls? How should we loathe all sin's proposals, and say unto them, "Away with you, you abominable thing!" For what are the vain, transitory pleasures of sin--in comparison to the heavenly glories which are proposed unto us?