A Description of Wicked Men.

"When the wicked, <u>even mine enemies and my foes</u>, came upon me to eat up my flesh, <u>they</u> stumbled and fell." Psa. 27:2.

"But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him (i.e., John the Baptist)."

Lk. 7:30.

"But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile."

Rom. 2:8,9.

In seeking a Bible description of wicked men, it is most often necessary to show the murderous conduct of wicked men toward God's servants. For example, in Psalm 27:2, David simply says wicked men are "even mine enemies and my foes," and they are likened unto wild, blood-thirsty beasts attempting to eat up David's flesh, but that they are the ones who stumble and fall. In other words, — in today's parlance, — wicked men are those who viciously oppose, — and are contentious with, — the people and the message of Westboro Baptist Church.

Example #2, Lk. 7:30. (See above). This ramps up the description of wicked men to include those who simply "reject the counsel of God against themselves," as the counsel of God is otherwise known here as the preaching of John the Baptist (the wrath of God is on the way; repent; bring forth fruits; or perish); and that rejection of John's message manifests itself publicly by the simple non-action of "being NOT baptized of him (John)." Life has a way of presenting numerous public opportunities — and forcing public decisions — to either "obey the truth," or "obey unrighteousness." Obeying unrighteousness is defined in Scripture as being contentious against God's messengers — which brings us to:

Example #3, Rom. 2:8,9. (See above). Wicked men are described here as "every soul of man that doeth evil;" and these are further described and identified as, "them that are contentious." To which <u>Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)</u> adds: "By their being contentious, is meant their being contentious against the truth,

their quarreling with the gospel, their finding fault with its declarations and offers. Unbelievers find many things in the ways of God at which they stumble, and by which they are offended. They are always quarreling and finding fault with one thing or another, whereby they are kept from believing the truth and yielding to it. Christ is to them a stone of stumbling, and rock of offence. They do not obey the truth, that is, they do not yield to it, they do not receive it with faith."

It is perilous to contend with and be incensed against God's messengers.

As we get it, the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) — with their worldwide TV facilities — is set to release a movie or feature length TV program next Sunday, April 1, about Westboro Baptist Church, entitled "The Most Hated Family in America." The BBC piece—and its inevitable world media drum-beat aftermath—bids fair to make a more appropriate title: "The Most Hated Family in the World." Especially since England's famous worldwide Channel 4 intends to broadcast a similar program about WBC next Monday, March 26. "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you…your reward is great in heaven." Lk. 6:22,23.

In the Lord our God's wondrous and glorious providence, Monday, March 26 is also the 14th Anniversary of the Vintage Massacre – a shameful act of cowardly violence committed against WBC by the City of Topeka (but likely connived* in before and/or after by the State of Kansas and the United States of America). Murderous thugs beat WBC's innocent missionaries bloody, sending 8 to the hospital. Nothing was ever done about it, notwithstanding proof was abundantly available of numerous felony crimes and civil rights violations against our humble people. Shall not God avenge His Own Elect?

These things may harbinge the Day of Judgment:

"But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy." 2 Chron. 36:16.

^{*(}Connive. To feign ignorance of, or to fail to take measures against a wrong, thus implying tacit encouragement or consent. To cooperate secretly. To conspire; plot.)

It is fatal to strive with and make war against God's messengers; to wit:

"Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee; they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought." Isa. 41:11,12.

This remarkable passage of Scripture is a model of redundancy – (repetition piled upon repetition) – for effect, – signaling that something of supreme importance is being discussed. The comforting words are addressed to "the Israel of God;" (Gal. 6:16.) – to spiritual Israel, – to God's Elect – in the heat of their battles as recorded "in the book of the wars of the Lord." Num. 21:14.

Look closely at this holy redundancy in these assuring words describing Wicked Men and their certain doom; to wit:

Wicked Men are INCENSED against God's Elect.

Wicked Men STRIVE with God's Elect.

Wicked Men CONTEND with God's Elect.

Wicked Men WAGE WAR (the ultimate hostility) against God's Elect.

These things vex and trouble God's Elect. "Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer." 2 Thes. 1:5. The fact that Wicked Men thus vex and trouble God's Elect is a manifest token from our Father that we are indeed God's Elect. Rejoice, and read on. "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you." 2 Thes. 1:6. Now see from this remarkable model of redundancy the multitudinous ways in which our Father does indeed recompense tribulation to them that trouble you, whereby they are described and identified as Wicked Men; to wit:

Wicked Men shall be ASHAMED and CONFOUNDED.

Wicked Men shall be as NOTHING and NOBODIES.

Wicked Men shall PERISH (shall burn in HELL'S FIRES FOREVER).

Wicked Men shall DISAPPEAR FOREVER from positions of PROMINENCE. Wicked Men shall be as NOBODIES and THINGS OF NOUGHT. (Note 3 of these, showing how vital reputations among fellow scum is to Wicked Men).

"Fear not...I will help thee, saith the Lord." 41:14.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers* shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." 2 Tim. 3:12,13.

*(Seducer. S#1114. A wizard, as muttering spells, i.e., by impl., an imposter.)

Wicked Men further described as Imposters:

John Gill: "By evil men are meant... Wicked Men under a form of godliness; and who are full of wickedness and malice against truly godly persons, even as the devil himself, of whom the same word is used, when he is called the Wicked One; – (1 Jn. 3:12: "Not as Cain, who was of that Wicked One, and slew his brother."); – and this is a reason why true professors of religion must expect persecution, seeing as there ever were, so there ever will be such sort of men, who will not grow better, but worse and worse." One of the signs of the last of the last days.

"The word for seducers, signifies sorcerers, enchanters, a sort of jugglers; and it well suits with the ecclesiastics (priests, bishops, cardinals, popes) of the church of Rome, who pretend to miracles, and do lying wonders, and by their sorceries deceive all nations. Rev. 18:23. These will all be cast into the same lake of fire and brimstone with the devil that deceived them. Rev. 20:10; 21:8."

These Imposters have zero power against WBC:

"Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!" Num. 23:23.

Because of the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ: "He (God) hath not beheld iniquity in (WBC), neither hath he seen perverseness in (WBC): the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them." Num. 23:22. So, Gill: "Balaam here owns, that all his enchantments and divinations signified nothing, and would never prevail to bring a curse upon Israel; it was a vain thing for him to use them, and as vain for Balak to expect anything from them; neither he nor any other enchanter and soothsayer, using all the arts they are masters of, could ever do any hurt to such a people, who were the peculiar care of God, and were his church, against which the gates of Hell could not prevail." Matt. 16:18.

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The Honorable Harry Felker Mayor of Topeka 215 S.E. 7th street Topeka, Kansas 66603

My Dear Mr. Mayor:

I would like to commend you for one specific answer you gave during the Capitol-Journal interview which took place with you and Mr. Van Slyke. Your answer related to the anti-homosexual protestors. The paper reported you stated, "....they are entitled to their constitutional rights of free speech just like any one else." You also said they were "obnoxious" and I would agree with that as well on the basis that they are picketing funerals and sending information that is in bad taste over private fax machines.

In a country which was founded on religious freedom, it is a sad state of affairs that we are no longer able to have prayer in the schools nor mention God when speaking at graduation exercises. As the Governor of Mississippi found out, elected officials must even guard against referring to this great country as a Christian nation. The framers of the Constitution and Abraham Lincoln would be amazed at our sad state of affairs. My concern is that eventually Christians will once again be persecuted like they were during the pagan Roman Empire.

Be that as it may; your answer of freedom of speech was sufficient, in and of itself, for me to consider you the most desirable candidate for mayor. Of course, that is only one of the reasons. Please remember that for the sake of expediency, the pagan Roman Government crucified Jesus Christ.

The other thing I would like to mention is that I observed the attack on the picketers last Friday (03/25/93) night by a group of mostly men who came from somewhere near the entrance of the Vintage Restaurant. I observed the beginning of the attack while in the process of a banking transaction at the Gage Branch of The Fidelity Banks. The attackers walked with deliberate speed and apparent determination toward the picketers. Then I saw the signs falling like sunflowers being cut down by cornknifes and bodies being knocked down and into Gage Boulevard. I asked the bank teller to call the police and report a fight in progress and the need for

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their immediate attention. I then drove south on Gage Boulevard by the continuing attack on the picketers and then turned in the south driveway to the Vintage and circled behind the melee. I then saw one of the attackers apparently mistake an innocent bystander with a video camcorder have the camcorder ripped from her possession and thrown on the concrete parking lot and then stomped on. It was the closest I have ever been to a riot. It was frightening! When I arrived a McFarland's Restaurant I called 911, identified myself as Father Walter Crum and reported the picketers on Gage by Gage Center had been accosted and were in need of immediate police protection. It was an awful sight which I hope never to observe again. I'm not implying that in any way it was your fault; however, I saw the situation a great deal differently than it was reported in the newspaper.

Another point some of the picketer's signs indicate is that God hates and most Christians believe that God doesn't hate any of His children. God may be very sad about some of the things they do. It would be good if the public knew the word hate when used in relationship to God in Holy Scripture just means that God loves the person or the action less. For instance, in Holy Scripture (Romans 9:13) when St. Paul writes about God hating Esau, St. Paul is referring back to Genesis Chapter 25, verses 23 through 26. God told Rebekah while the twins were still in the womb that He preferred the one which would be born second. Thus, God preferred the second son, later known as Jacob, over the first born son, later known as Esau. The normal preference for the first born son was reversed in this case. As such, Divine hate and the hate expressed by human beings have very little relationship to one another. Just a little Bible trivia!

Keep up the good work.

Faithfully yours,

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