

"GOD IS ANGRY WITH THE WICKED EVERY DAY." PSALM 7:11

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Recently at the U.S. Supreme Court, the conscience of this nation, ambassadors of Christ from Westboro Baptist Church were "bold in our God to speak [unto this nation] the gospel of God with much contention. For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others." (1 Thessalonians 2:2-6) And whether the nation or it's conscience will hear or whether they will forbear from hearing, yet will they know that the prophets of the Lord are among them. (Ezekiel 2:5)

In these exciting last days of the human experiment on this planet, in these days when the unseen powers of eternity are preparing to wind up the affairs of this bankrupt and reprobate world system of things, in these days foretold by all the righteous men, prophets and seers from the beginning of this Adamic race to the present time, it is a great and unspeakable privilege for us to be counted worthy by God Almighty to be the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God in this place. (1 Corinthians 4:1).

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2). Therefore it is a very small thing with us that we "should be judged of you, or of man's judgment." (1 Corinthians 4:3). Therefore, we "labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day." (1 Corinthians 4:12-13). "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." (Acts 5:41). God "shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. ...Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days." (Acts 3:20-24).

It is an exceeding great and precious privilege for us to dwell in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, such as the USA, in the darkest days of human history, and expound the truth. "Do all things without murmurings and disputing: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life." (Philippians 2:14-16). In the midst of crooks

and perverts; a perfect description of the population of the United States of America: crooks and perverts from the top to the bottom, from the least to the greatest, with very few and rare exceptions; among whom ye shine as lights, brothers and sisters at Westboro Baptist Church. "Light," is a favorite metaphor of the Holy Spirit standing for divine truth in the earth: divine knowledge and understanding. "To shine," is another favorite Bible metaphor signifying to radiate forth the light of divine truth; or simply put: to preach it! To crooks and perverts! And, I suggest to the crooks and perverts in this country, that you might wish to read that passage in Philippians 2:14-16, and study it, if you would know what we are about at Westboro Baptist Church.

It is a wonderful privilege, as ambassadors of Jesus Christ, to denounce the woes of Jesus Christ upon this generation of vipers going to make up the population of the USA. The whole counsel of God includes that certain official catalogue of woes framed and put by Jesus Christ himself to the religious hypocrites and the governmental hypocrites of every age and place. Especially the Justices of the United States Supreme Court in May, 2015. The Apostle Paul defined you perfectly: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." (1 Timothy 4:1-2). The justices of the U.S. Supreme Court have an affirmative duty to obey our Lord Jesus Christ—just as much as we do—about everything, but especially when he said at Matthew 19:4-6: "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Now, because "whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more," I strongly urge the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court therefore, do not rely on those fag law clerks to write the decision in this fag marriage case, which arguments you received on April 28, 2015; but rather, take the text of your opinion verbatim from Matthew 19:4-6 for the entirety of your decision and drop the microphone and trust in the Lord and in the power of his might. Now that would be a faithful testimony and that would strike a blow for the cause of God and truth in the earth!

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees [religious] hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them." (Luke 11:44). "Woe unto you, lawyers, [governmental hypocrites]! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." (Luke 11:52).

Contrary to what you would like to think, the message of Jesus Christ was not sweetness and light except to His sheep. "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32). To His "little flock" and only to His "little flock," did Jesus Christ have a message of hope and good cheer. To the vast overwhelming majority of those to whom he preached, his message was a message of wrath, doom, damnation, and woe. W-O-E. That little, three-lettered word packs a wallop! Webster's Unabridged International Dictionary accurately defines that word, woe: it means grief, sorrow, misery. The Greek Word in the original text, from which the English word, woe, is translated, is "OUAI" (Oh Wah Wee!). And it is an exclamatory word; has an exclamation mark after it; being a primary or a primeval exclamation of inexpressible grief. Close akin to the English word, Alas! Alas! Now we are getting down to honest-to-God Bible truth.

What, as a matter of fact, was the message of Jesus Christ? You had better know, and you had better care. "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Matthew 23:33. The Greek word there for hell is Gehenna, meaning the final hell of everlasting punishment; the lake of fire. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:15. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:8.

How many of us have not heard a phony, lying preacher on the radio or TV say, that God doesn't allow anyone to burn in hell forever; but it is our own choosing, as free moral agents, by refusing to accept God's love and grace, which results in anybody going to hell? They claim that is how they understand things. Balderdash! Or as the English say, Rubbish! They don't get that understanding from the plain language of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. They get that understanding from their own depraved and unenlightened minds and from the demon spirit that now works in the children of disobedience. (Ephesians 2:2) Nor do these heretic preachers refer to a single verse of Scripture to support their lying thesis. Listen, you religious hypocrites and moral crooks and perverts: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. ... Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his messengers." (Matthew 25:31-41). God Almighty, from all eternal ages past, has prepared a lake of fire for the devil and all his messengers; meaning all those who during their lifetimes on earth carry and articulate the devil's message rather than God's message.

And, this is no new doctrine. In fact, there was a time in this country when this doctrine which I preach today was the dominate doctrine regularly sounded forth from the pulpits in the churches of the USA. As my exemplar I share with you today and, the Lord willing I will complete on May 17, 2015, that sermon which has often been referred to and quoted from in this Church, called "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," by Jonathan Edwards, delivered at Enfield, Connecticut, on July 8, 1741:

SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD

Their foot shall slide in due time. Deuteronomy 32:35

In this verse is threatened the vengeance of God on the wicked unbelieving Israelites, who were God's visible people, and who lived under the means of grace; but who, notwithstanding all God's wonderful works towards them, remained (as verse 28) void of counsel, having no understanding in them. Under all the cultivations of heaven, they brought forth bitter and poisonous fruit; as in the two verses next preceding the text. -- The expression I have chosen for my text, **their foot shall slide in due time**, seems to imply the following things, relating to the punishment and destruction to which these wicked Israelites were exposed.

1. That they were always exposed to **destruction**; as one that stands or walks in slippery places is always exposed to fall. This is implied in the manner of their destruction coming upon them, being represented by their foot sliding. The same is expressed, **Psalm 73:18**. "*Surely thou didst set them in slippery places; thou castedst them down into destruction.*"

2. It implies, that they were always exposed to **sudden unexpected** destruction. As he that walks in slippery places is every moment liable to fall, he cannot foresee one moment whether he shall stand or fall the next; and when he does fall, he falls at once without warning: Which is also expressed in **Psalm 73:18,19**. "*Surely thou didst set them in slippery places; thou castedst them down into destruction: How are they brought into desolation as in a moment!*"

3. Another thing implied is, that they are liable to fall **of themselves**, without being thrown down by the hand of another; as he that stands or walks on slippery ground needs nothing but his own weight to throw him down.

4. That the reason why they are not fallen already and do not fall now is only that God's appointed time is not come. For it is said, that when that due time, or appointed time comes, **their foot shall slide**. Then they shall be left to fall, as they are inclined by their own weight. God will not hold them up in these slippery places any longer, but will let them go; and then, at that very instant, they shall fall into destruction; as he that stands on such slippery declining ground, on the edge of a pit, he cannot stand alone, when he is let go he immediately falls and is lost.

The observation from the words that I would now insist upon is this. -- "There is nothing that keeps wicked men at any one moment out of hell, but the mere pleasure of God." -- By the **mere** pleasure of God, I mean his **sovereign** pleasure, his arbitrary will, restrained by no obligation, hindered by no manner of difficulty, any more than if nothing else but God's mere will had in the least degree, or in any respect whatsoever, any hand in the preservation of wicked men one moment. -- The truth of this observation may appear by the following consideration.

1. There is no want of **power** in God to cast wicked men into hell at any moment. Men's hands cannot be strong when God rises up. The strongest have no power to resist him, nor can any deliver out of his hands. - He is not only able to cast wicked men into hell, but he can most easily do it. Sometimes an earthly prince meets with a great deal of difficulty to subdue a rebel, who has found means to fortify himself, and has made himself strong by the numbers of his followers. But it is not so with God. There is no fortress that is any defence from the power of God. Though hand join in hand, and vast multitudes of God's enemies combine and associate themselves, they are easily broken in pieces. They are as great heaps of light chaff before the whirlwind; or large quantities of dry stubble before devouring flames. We find it easy to tread on and crush a worm that we see crawling on the earth; so it is easy for us to cut or singe a slender thread that any thing hangs by: thus easy is it for God, when he pleases, to cast his enemies down to hell. What are we, that we should think to stand before him, at whose rebuke the earth trembles, and before whom the rocks are thrown down?

2. They **deserve** to be cast into hell; so that divine justice never stands in the way, it makes no objection against God's using his power at any moment to destroy them. Yea, on the contrary, justice calls aloud for an infinite punishment of their sins. Divine justice says of the tree that brings forth such grapes of Sodom, "*Cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?*" **Luke 13:7**. The sword of divine justice is every moment brandished over their heads, and it is nothing but the hand of arbitrary mercy, and God's mere will, that holds it back.

3. They are already under a sentence of **condemnation** to hell. They do not only justly deserve to be cast down thither, but the sentence of the law of God, that eternal and immutable rule of righteousness that God has fixed between him and mankind, is gone out against them, and stands against them; so that they are bound over already to hell. **John 3:18**. "*He that believeth not is condemned already.*" So that every unconverted man properly belongs to hell; that is his place; from thence he is, **John 8:23**. "*Ye are from beneath:*" And thither he is bound; it is the place that justice, and God's word, and the sentence of his unchangeable law assign to him.

4. They are now the objects of that very same **anger** and wrath of God, that is expressed in the torments of hell. And the reason why they do not go down to hell at each moment, is not because God, in whose power they are, is not then very angry with them; as he is with many miserable creatures now tormented in hell, who there feel and bear the fierceness of his wrath. Yea, God is a great deal more angry with great numbers that are now on earth: yea, doubtless, with many that are now in this congregation, who it may be are at ease, than he is with many of those who are now in the flames of hell.

So that it is not because God is unmindful of their wickedness, and does not resent it, that he does not let loose his hand and cut them off. God is not altogether such an one as themselves, though they may imagine him to be so. The wrath of God burns against them, their damnation does not slumber; the pit is prepared, the fire is made ready, the furnace is now hot, ready to receive them; the flames do now rage and glow. The glittering sword is whet, and held over them, and the pit hath opened its mouth under them.

5. The **devil** stands ready to fall upon them, and seize them as his own, at what moment God shall permit him. They belong to him; he has their souls in his possession, and under his dominion. The scripture represents them as his goods, [Luke 11:21](#). The devils watch them; they are ever by them at their right hand; they stand waiting for them, like greedy hungry lions that see their prey, and expect to have it, but are for the present kept back. If God should withdraw his hand, by which they are restrained, they would in one moment fly upon their poor souls. The old serpent is gaping for them; hell opens its mouth wide to receive them; and if God should permit it, they would be hastily swallowed up and lost.

6. There are in the souls of wicked men those hellish **principles** reigning, that would presently kindle and flame out into hell fire, if it were not for God's restraints. There is laid in the very nature of carnal men, a foundation for the torments of hell. There are those corrupt principles, in reigning power in them, and in full possession of them, that are seeds of hell fire. These principles are active and powerful, exceeding violent in their nature, and if it were not for the restraining hand of God upon them, they would soon break out, they would flame out after the same manner as the same corruptions, the same enmity does in the hearts of damned souls, and would beget the same torments as they do in them. The souls of the wicked are in scripture compared to the troubled sea, [Isa. 57:20](#). For the present, God restrains their wickedness by his mighty power, as he does the raging waves of the troubled sea, saying, "*Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further;*" but if God should withdraw that restraining power, it would soon carry all before it. Sin is the ruin and misery of the soul; it is destructive in its nature;

and if God should leave it without restraint, there would need nothing else to make the soul perfectly miserable. The corruption of the heart of man is immoderate and boundless in its fury; and while wicked men live here, it is like fire pent up by God's restraints, whereas if it were let loose, it would set on fire the course of nature; and as the heart is now a sink of sin, so if sin was not restrained, it would immediately turn the soul into fiery oven, or a furnace of fire and brimstone.

7. It is no security to wicked men for one moment, that there are no visible means of death at hand. It is no security to a natural man, that he is now in health, and that he does not see which way he should now immediately go out of the world by any accident, and that there is no visible danger in any respect in his circumstances. The manifold and continual experience of the world in all ages, shows this is no evidence, that a man is not on the very brink of eternity, and that the next step will not be into another world. The unseen, unthought-of ways and means of persons going suddenly out of the world are innumerable and inconceivable. Unconverted men walk over the pit of hell on a rotten covering, and there are innumerable places in this covering so weak that they will not bear their weight, and these places are not seen. The arrows of death fly unseen at noon-day; the sharpest sight cannot discern them. God has so many different unsearchable ways of taking wicked men out of the world and sending them to hell, that there is nothing to make it appear, that God had need to be at the expense of a miracle, or go out of the ordinary course of his providence, to destroy any wicked man, at any moment. All the means that there are of sinners going out of the world, are so in God's hands, and so universally and absolutely subject to his power and determination, that it does not depend at all the less on the mere will of God, whether sinners shall at any moment go to hell, than if means were never made use of, or at all concerned in the case.

8. Natural men's prudence and care to preserve their own lives, or the care of others to preserve them, do not secure them a moment. To this, divine providence and universal experience do also bear testimony. There is this clear evidence that men's own wisdom is no security to them from death; that if it were otherwise we should see some difference between the wise and politic men of the world, and others, with regard to their liableness to early and unexpected death: but how is it in fact? **Eccles. 2:16.** "*How dieth the wise man? even as the fool.*"

9. All wicked men's pains and **contrivance** which they use to escape hell, while they continue to reject Christ, and so remain wicked men, do not secure them from hell one moment. Almost every natural man that hears of hell, flatters himself that he shall escape it; he depends upon himself for his

own security; he flatters himself in what he has done, in what he is now doing, or what he intends to do. Every one lays out matters in his own mind how he shall avoid damnation, and flatters himself that he contrives well for himself, and that his schemes will not fail. They hear indeed that there are but few saved, and that the greater part of men that have died heretofore are gone to hell; but each one imagines that he lays out matters better for his own escape than others have done. He does not intend to come to that place of torment; he says within himself, that he intends to take effectual care, and to order matters so for himself as not to fail.

But the foolish children of men miserably delude themselves in their own schemes, and in confidence in their own strength and wisdom; they trust to nothing but a shadow. The greater part of those who heretofore have lived under the same means of grace, and are now dead, are undoubtedly gone to hell; and it was not because they were not as wise as those who are now alive: it was not because they did not lay out matters as well for themselves to secure their own escape. If we could speak with them, and inquire of them, one by one, whether they expected, when alive, and when they used to hear about hell, ever to be the subjects of misery: we doubtless, should hear one and another reply, "No, I never intended to come here: I had laid out matters otherwise in my mind; I thought I should contrive well for myself -- I thought my scheme good. I intended to take effectual care; but it came upon me unexpected; I did not look for it at that time, and in that manner; it came as a thief -- Death outwitted me: God's wrath was too quick for me. Oh, my cursed foolishness! I was flattering myself, and pleasing myself with vain dreams of what I would do hereafter; and when I was saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction came upon me."

10. God has laid himself under no **obligation**, by any promise to keep any natural man out of hell one moment. God certainly has made no promises either of eternal life, or of any deliverance or preservation from eternal death, but what are contained in the covenant of grace, the promises that are given in Christ, in whom all the promises are yea and amen. But surely they have no interest in the promises of the covenant of grace who are not the children of the covenant, who do not believe in any of the promises, and have no interest in the Mediator of the covenant.

So that, whatever some have imagined and pretended about promises made to natural men's earnest seeking and knocking, it is plain and manifest, that whatever pains a natural man takes in religion, whatever prayers he makes, till he believes in Christ, God is under no manner of obligation to keep him a moment from eternal destruction.

So that, thus it is that natural men are held in the hand of God, over the pit of hell; they have deserved the fiery pit, and are already sentenced to it; and God is dreadfully provoked, his anger is as great towards them as to those that are actually

suffering the executions of the fierceness of his wrath in hell, and they have done nothing in the least to appease or abate that anger, neither is God in the least bound by any promise to hold them up one moment; the devil is waiting for them, hell is gaping for them, the flames gather and flash about them, and would fain lay hold on them, and swallow them up; the fire pent up in their own hearts is struggling to break out: and they have no interest in any Mediator, there are no means within reach that can be any security to them. In short, they have no refuge, nothing to take hold of; all that preserves them every moment is the mere arbitrary will, and uncovenanted, unobliged forbearance of an incensed God.

[We shall recess until May 17, 2015, the Lord willing, to finish this sermon]

Application

The use of this awful subject may be for awakening unconverted persons in this congregation. This that you have heard is the case of every one of you that are out of Christ. -- That world of misery, that lake of burning brimstone, is extended abroad under you. There is the dreadful pit of the glowing flames of the wrath of God; there is hell's wide gaping mouth open; and you have nothing to stand upon, nor any thing to take hold of; there is nothing between you and hell but the air; it is only the power and mere pleasure of God that holds you up.

You probably are not sensible of this; you find you are kept out of hell, but do not see the hand of God in it; but look at other things, as the good state of your bodily constitution, your care of your own life, and the means you use for your own preservation. But indeed these things are nothing; if God should withdraw his hand, they would avail no more to keep you from falling, than the thin air to hold up a person that is suspended in it.

Your wickedness makes you as it were heavy as lead, and to tend downwards with great weight and pressure towards hell; and if God should let you go, you would immediately sink and swiftly descend and plunge into the bottomless gulf, and your healthy constitution, and your own care and prudence, and best contrivance, and all your righteousness, would have no more influence to uphold you and keep you out of hell, than a spider's web would have to stop a falling rock. Were it not for the sovereign pleasure of God, the earth would not bear you one moment; for you are a burden to it; the creation groans with you; the creature is made subject to the bondage of your corruption, not willingly; the sun does not willingly shine upon you to give you light to serve sin and Satan; the earth does not willingly yield her increase to satisfy your lusts; nor is it willingly a stage for your wickedness to be acted upon; the air does not willingly serve you for breath to maintain the flame of life in your vitals, while you spend your life in the service of God's enemies. God's creatures are good, and were made for men to serve God with, and do not willingly subserve to any other purpose, and groan when they are abused to purposes so directly contrary to their nature and end. And the world would spew you out, were it not for the sovereign hand of him who hath subjected it in hope. There are the black

clouds of God's wrath now hanging directly over your heads, full of the dreadful storm, and big with thunder; and were it not for the restraining hand of God, it would immediately burst forth upon you. The sovereign pleasure of God, for the present, stays his rough wind; otherwise it would come with fury, and your destruction would come like a whirlwind, and you would be like the chaff on the summer threshing floor.

The wrath of God is like great waters that are dammed for the present; they increase more and more, and rise higher and higher, till an outlet is given; and the longer the stream is stopped, the more rapid and mighty is its course, when once it is let loose. It is true, that judgment against your evil works has not been executed hitherto; the floods of God's vengeance have been withheld; but your guilt in the mean time is constantly increasing, and you are every day treasuring up more wrath; the waters are constantly rising, and waxing more and more mighty; and there is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, that holds the waters back, that are unwilling to be stopped, and press hard to go forward. If God should only withdraw his hand from the flood-gate, it would immediately fly open, and the fiery floods of the fierceness and wrath of God, would rush forth with inconceivable fury, and would come upon you with omnipotent power; and if your strength were ten thousand times greater than it is, yea, ten thousand times greater than the strength of the stoutest, sturdiest devil in hell, it would be nothing to withstand or endure it.

The bow of God's wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart, and strains the bow, and it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, and that of an angry God, without any promise or obligation at all, that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood. Thus all you that never passed under a great change of heart, by the mighty power of the Spirit of God upon your souls; all you that were never born again, and made new creatures, and raised from being dead in sin, to a state of new, and before altogether unexperienced light and life, are in the hands of an angry God. However you may have reformed your life in many things, and may have had religious affections, and may keep up a form of religion in your families and closets, and in the house of God, it is nothing but his mere pleasure that keeps you from being this moment swallowed up in everlasting destruction. However unconvinced you may now be of the truth of what you hear, by and by you will be fully convinced of it. Those that are gone from being in the like circumstances with you, see that it was so with them; for destruction came suddenly upon most of them; when they expected nothing of it, and while they were saying, Peace and safety: now they see, that those things on which they depended for peace and safety, were nothing but thin air and empty shadows.

The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked: his wrath towards you burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire; he is of purer eyes than to bear to have you in his sight; you are ten thousand times more abominable in his eyes, than the most hateful venomous

serpent is in ours. You have offended him infinitely more than ever a stubborn rebel did his prince; and yet it is nothing but his hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment. It is to be ascribed to nothing else, that you did not go to hell the last night; that you were suffered to awake again in this world, after you closed your eyes to sleep. And there is no other reason to be given, why you have not dropped into hell since you arose in the morning, but that God's hand has held you up. There is no other reason to be given why you have not gone to hell, since you have sat here in the house of God, provoking his pure eyes by your sinful wicked manner of attending his solemn worship. Yea, there is nothing else that is to be given as a reason why you do not this very moment drop down into hell.

O sinner! Consider the fearful danger you are in: it is a great furnace of wrath, a wide and bottomless pit, full of the fire of wrath, that you are held over in the hand of that God, whose wrath is provoked and incensed as much against you, as against many of the damned in hell. You hang by a slender thread, with the flames of divine wrath flashing about it, and ready every moment to singe it, and burn it asunder; and you have no interest in any Mediator, and nothing to lay hold of to save yourself, nothing to keep off the flames of wrath, nothing of your own, nothing that you ever have done, nothing that you can do, to induce God to spare you one moment. -- And consider here more particularly,

1. **Whose** wrath it is: it is the wrath of the infinite God. If it were only the wrath of man, though it were of the most potent prince, it would be comparatively little to be regarded. The wrath of kings is very much dreaded, especially of absolute monarchs, who have the possessions and lives of their subjects wholly in their power, to be disposed of at their mere will. **Prov. 20:2.** *"The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: Whoso provoketh him to anger, sinneth against his own soul."* The subject that very much enrages an arbitrary prince, is liable to suffer the most extreme torments that human art can invent, or human power can inflict. But the greatest earthly potentates in their greatest majesty and strength, and when clothed in their greatest terrors, are but feeble, despicable worms of the dust, in comparison of the great and almighty Creator and King of heaven and earth. It is but little that they can do, when most enraged, and when they have exerted the utmost of their fury. All the kings of the earth, before God, are as grasshoppers; they are nothing, and less than nothing: both their love and their hatred is to be despised. The wrath of the great King of kings, is as much more terrible than theirs, as his majesty is greater. **Luke 12:4,5.** *"And I say unto you, my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that, have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: fear him, which after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell: yea, I say unto you, Fear him."*

2. It is the **fierceness** of his wrath that you are exposed to. We often read of the fury of God; as in **Isa. 59:18**. "*According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay fury to his adversaries.*" So **Isa. 66:15**. "*For behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.*" And in many other places. So, **Rev. 19:15**, we read of "*the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*" The words are exceeding terrible. If it had only been said, "*the wrath of God,*" the words would have implied that which is infinitely dreadful: but it is "*the fierceness and wrath of God.*" The fury of God! the fierceness of Jehovah! Oh, how dreadful that must be! Who can utter or conceive what such expressions carry in them! But it is also "*the fierceness and wrath of **almighty** God.*" As though there would be a very great manifestation of his almighty power in what the fierceness of his wrath should inflict, as though omnipotence should be as it were enraged, and exerted, as men are wont to exert their strength in the fierceness of their wrath. Oh! then, what will be the consequence! What will become of the poor worms that shall suffer it! Whose hands can be strong? And whose heart can endure? To what a dreadful, inexpressible, inconceivable depth of misery must the poor creature be sunk who shall be the subject of this!

Consider this, you that are here present, that yet remain in an unregenerate state. That God will execute the fierceness of his anger, implies, that he will inflict wrath without any pity. When God beholds the ineffable extremity of your case, and sees your torment to be so vastly disproportioned to your strength, and sees how your poor soul is crushed, and sinks down, as it were, into an infinite gloom; he will have no compassion upon you, he will not forbear the executions of his wrath, or in the least lighten his hand; there shall be no moderation or mercy, nor will God then at all stay his rough wind; he will have no regard to your welfare, nor be at all careful lest you should suffer too much in any other sense, than only that you shall **not suffer beyond what strict justice requires**. Nothing shall be withheld, because it is so hard for you to bear. **Ezek. 8:18**. "*Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet I will not hear them.*" Now God stands ready to pity you; this is a day of mercy; you may cry now with some encouragement of obtaining mercy. But when once the day of mercy is past, your most lamentable and dolorous cries and shrieks will be in vain; you will be wholly lost and thrown away of God, as to any regard to your welfare. God will have no other use to put you to, but to suffer misery; you shall be continued in being to no other end; for you will be a vessel of wrath fitted to destruction; and there will be no other use of this vessel, but to be filled full of wrath. God will be so far from pitying you when you cry to him, that it is said he will only "*laugh and mock,*" **Prov. 1:25,26**, etc.

How awful are those words, **Isa. 63:3**, which are the words of the great God. *"I will tread them in mine anger, and will trample them in my fury, and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."* It is perhaps impossible to conceive of words that carry in them greater manifestations of these three things, viz. contempt, and hatred, and fierceness of indignation. If you cry to God to pity you, he will be so far from pitying you in your doleful case, or showing you the least regard or favour, that instead of that, he will only tread you under foot. And though he will know that you cannot bear the weight of omnipotence treading upon you, yet he will not regard that, but he will crush you under his feet without mercy; he will crush out your blood, and make it fly, and it shall be sprinkled on his garments, so as to stain all his raiment. He will not only hate you, but he will have you in the utmost contempt: no place shall be thought fit for you, but under his feet to be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

3. The **misery** you are exposed to is that which God will inflict to that end, that he might show what that wrath of Jehovah is. God hath had it on his heart to show to angels and men, both how excellent his love is, and also how terrible his wrath is. Sometimes earthly kings have a mind to show how terrible their wrath is, by the extreme punishments they would execute on those that would provoke them. Nebuchadnezzar, that mighty and haughty monarch of the Chaldean empire, was willing to show his wrath when enraged with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; and accordingly gave orders that the burning fiery furnace should be heated seven times hotter than it was before; doubtless, it was raised to the utmost degree of fierceness that human art could raise it. But the great God is also willing to show his wrath, and magnify his awful majesty and mighty power in the extreme sufferings of his enemies. **Rom. 9:22**. *"What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction?"* And seeing this is his design, and what he has determined, even to show how terrible the unrestrained wrath, the fury and fierceness of Jehovah is, he will do it to effect. There will be something accomplished and brought to pass that will be dreadful with a witness. When the great and angry God hath risen up and executed his awful vengeance on the poor sinner, and the wretch is actually suffering the infinite weight and power of his indignation, then will God call upon the whole universe to behold that awful majesty and mighty power that is to be seen in it. **Isa. 33:12-14**. *"And the people shall be as the burnings of lime, as thorns cut up shall they be burnt in the fire. Hear ye that are far off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites,"* etc.

Thus it will be with you that are in an unconverted state, if you continue in it; the infinite might, and majesty, and terribleness of the omnipotent God shall

be magnified upon you, in the ineffable strength of your torments. You shall be tormented in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and when you shall be in this state of suffering, the glorious inhabitants of heaven shall go forth and look on the awful spectacle, that they may see what the wrath and fierceness of the Almighty is; and when they have seen it, they will fall down and adore that great power and majesty. *Isa. 66:23,24.* "*And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me; for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched, and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.*"

4. It is **everlasting** wrath. It would be dreadful to suffer this fierceness and wrath of Almighty God one moment; but you must suffer it to all eternity. There will be no end to this exquisite horrible misery. When you look forward, you shall see a long for ever, a boundless duration before you, which will swallow up your thoughts, and amaze your soul; and you will absolutely despair of ever having any deliverance, any end, any mitigation, any rest at all. You will know certainly that you must wear out long ages, millions of millions of ages, in wrestling and conflicting with this almighty merciless vengeance; and then when you have so done, when so many ages have actually been spent by you in this manner, you will know that all is but a point to what remains. So that your punishment will indeed be infinite. Oh, who can express what the state of a soul in such circumstances is! All that we can possibly say about it, gives but a very feeble, faint representation of it; it is inexpressible and inconceivable: For "*who knows the power of God's anger?*"

How dreadful is the state of those that are daily and hourly in the danger of this great wrath and infinite misery! But this is the dismal case of every soul in this congregation that has not been born again, however moral and strict, sober and religious, they may otherwise be. Oh that you would consider it, whether you be young or old! There is reason to think, that there are many in this congregation now hearing this discourse, that will actually be the subjects of this very misery to all eternity. We know not who they are, or in what seats they sit, or what thoughts they now have. It may be they are now at ease, and hear all these things without much disturbance, and are now flattering themselves that they are not the persons, promising themselves that they shall escape. If we knew that there was one person, and but one, in the whole congregation, that was to be the subject of this misery, what an awful thing would it be to think of! If we knew who it was, what an awful sight would it be to see such a person! How might all the rest of the congregation lift up a lamentable and bitter cry over him! But, alas! instead of one, how many is it likely will remember this discourse in hell? And it would be a wonder, if some that

are now present should not be in hell in a very short time, even before this year is out. And it would be no wonder if some persons, that now sit here, in some seats of this meeting-house, in health, quiet and secure, should be there before tomorrow morning. Those of you that finally continue in a natural condition, that shall keep out of hell longest will be there in a little time! your damnation does not slumber; it will come swiftly, and, in all probability, very suddenly upon many of you. You have reason to wonder that you are not already in hell. It is doubtless the case of some whom you have seen and known, that never deserved hell more than you, and that heretofore appeared as likely to have been now alive as you. Their case is past all hope; they are crying in extreme misery and perfect despair; but here you are in the land of the living and in the house of God, and have an opportunity to obtain salvation. What would not those poor damned hopeless souls give for one day's opportunity such as you now enjoy!

And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands in calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day wherein many are flocking to him, and pressing into the kingdom of God. Many are daily coming from the east, west, north and south; many that were very lately in the same miserable condition that you are in, are now in a happy state, with their hearts filled with love to him who has loved them, and washed them from their sins in his own blood, and rejoicing in hope of the glory of God. How awful is it to be left behind at such a day! To see so many others feasting, while you are pining and perishing! To see so many rejoicing and singing for joy of heart, while you have cause to mourn for sorrow of heart, and howl for vexation of spirit! How can you rest one moment in such a condition? Are not your souls as precious as the souls of the people at Suffield, where they are flocking from day to day to Christ?

Are there not many here who have lived long in the world, and are not to this day born again? and so are aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and have done nothing ever since they have lived, but treasure up wrath against the day of wrath? Oh, sirs, your case, in an especial manner, is extremely dangerous. Your guilt and hardness of heart is extremely great. Do you not see how generality persons of your years are passed over and left, in the present remarkable and wonderful dispensation of God's mercy? You had need to consider yourselves, and awake thoroughly out of sleep. You cannot bear the fierceness and wrath of the infinite God. -- And you, young men, and young women, will you neglect this precious season which you now enjoy, when so many others of your age are renouncing all youthful vanities, and flocking to Christ? You especially have now an extraordinary opportunity; but if you neglect it, it will soon be with you as with those persons who spent all the precious days of youth in sin, and are now come to such a dreadful pass in blindness and hardness. -- And you, children, who are unconverted, do not you know that you are going down to hell, to bear the dreadful wrath of that God, who is now angry with you every day and every night? Will you be content to be the children of the devil, when so many other children in the land are converted, and are become the holy and happy children of the King of kings?

And let every one that is yet out of Christ, and hanging over the pit of hell, whether they be old men and women, or middle aged, or young people, or little children, now hearken to the loud calls of God's word and providence. This acceptable year of the Lord, a day of such great favour to some, will doubtless be a day of as remarkable vengeance to others. Men's hearts harden, and their guilt increases apace at such a day as this, if they neglect their souls; and never was there so great danger of such persons being given up to hardness of heart and blindness of mind. God seems now to be hastily gathering in his elect in all parts of the land; and probably the greater part of adult persons that ever shall be saved, will be brought in now in a little time, and that it will be as it was on the great out-pouring of the Spirit upon the Jews in the apostles' days; the election will obtain, and the rest will be blinded. If this should be the case with you, you will eternally curse this day, and will curse the day that ever you was born, to see such a season of the pouring out of God's Spirit, and will wish that you had died and gone to hell before you had seen it. Now undoubtedly it is, as it was in the days of John the Baptist, the axe is in an extraordinary manner laid at the root of the trees, that every tree which brings not forth good fruit, may be hewn down and cast into the fire.

Therefore, let every one that is out of Christ, now awake and fly from the wrath to come. The wrath of Almighty God is now undoubtedly hanging over a great part of this congregation. Let every one fly out of Sodom: "Haste and escape for your lives, look not behind you, escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed."

I have reached the the end of Jonathan Edwards' sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," on the plain Bible doctrine of eternal retribution.

I say to all of you cowards, and unbelievers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters that go to make up the population of this evil country that the lake of fire was anciently prepared, specifically prepared, for you. And you carry the proof of it every day that you live on this earth, because you are a messenger of the devil; that is, you carry in your mind and articulate the devil's message rather than God's message. Hence, Christ said: "For by thy words thou shalt be justified [referring to his sheep], and by thy words thou shalt be condemned [referring to the reprobates]." Matthew 12:37. And so you see contrary to what you may wish to believe, and deriving from what some sissy preacher told you or what some effeminate Sunday School teacher taught you, using some flannel-board presentation, the message of Jesus Christ is a message of woe, grief, sorrow, misery, a primeval exclamation of inexpressible grief. Luke 11:44, 52.

Woe to you religious hypocrites and woe to you governmental hypocrites, you lawyers. "But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the

mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us." Luke 23:28-30. And, "it had been good for that man if he had not been born." Matthew 26:24. And, "good were it for that man if he had never been born." Mark 14:21.

Jesus Christ was the greatest preacher that ever lived. Don't talk to me about the power of positive thinking, you evil perverts and crooks of this God-forsaken nation. God's word for it: the day is fast approaching when you will cry out and say: "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck." (Luke 23:29). The day is soon at hand when you will scream in the lake of fire and cry out in grief and sorrow and misery, "I wish to God that I had never been born!" And if you think I am taking rare and isolated verses from the Bible to make these points, you are indeed ignorant of the Scriptures. Contrary to what you might think, the message of Jesus Christ to you, the message of the Bible to you, and my message to you, is a message of woe, certain imminent woe, certain imminent grief, sorrow, misery, alas, a primeval exclamation of inexpressible grief and pain.

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts." Jeremiah 15:16. His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with remaining quiet, and I was compelled to speak these things. Jeremiah 20:9.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees,"--that is, religious hypocrites—"for ye are as graves, which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them." Luke 11:44. Woe unto you, lawyers, hypocrites—governmental hypocrites—"for ye have taken away the key of knowledge. Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in, ye hindered." Luke 11:52. I am preaching to you about the catalogue of woes delivered by Jesus Christ himself to the religious hypocrites and the governmental hypocrites of that day, and, by a required extension, to the religious hypocrites and the governmental hypocrites of every age and in every place of the inhabited earth. And the providence of a sovereign God has put Westboro Baptist Church in this nation and in this day, even the second-half of the 20th Century and the first-half of the 21st Century A.D., as the Adamic race winds up approximately 6,000 years of experimental existence on this planet, as ambassadors of Jesus Christ, and as stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20 and 1 Corinthians 4:1.

We say to the crooked and perverted sons of Adam in the midst of whom we dwell, woe to you religious hypocrites and woe to you governmental hypocrites. Woe to you religious hypocrites because you are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them. Luke 11:44. By this powerful metaphor, Jesus Christ has described you as being unknown and hidden perils that

contaminate those you touch with fatal doctrinal and moral uncleanness. The figure derives from the ceremonial law of Moses in Leviticus 21:11 and Numbers 19:11-14, where it was strictly forbidden to touch a dead body because a dead human body was a standing symbol and sign of separation from God. In the day you eat thereof, in violation of God's law, ye shall surely die. Genesis 2:17. And that ceremonial law of Moses required that if one inadvertently touched a dead human body a ceremonial cleansing must be performed to restore a proper relationship with God. Hence, graves containing dead bodies must be clearly and conspicuously marked so as to be avoided. And from this powerful Old Testament figure Jesus Christ took the metaphor by which he denounced woe upon all religious hypocrites. Woe to you because you are as graves which appear not and the men that walk over them are not aware of them. Luke 11:44. And we similarly denounce you religious hypocrites that fill the population of this nation: you are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over you are not aware of the doctrinal and moral corruption with which you taint and damn and make unclean and doom everything and everybody you touch. You hide your religious and moral filth under lies. "Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people.... Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves." Isaiah 28:14-15. Churches on every corner of prominence, singing hymns, spouting religious jargon; fie on you religious hypocrites of this nation! Your phony religious organizations and systems are and constitute covenants with death and agreements with hell. You are without hope and without God in the world; you are walking dead men; zombies, but whose graves appear not because you have carefully camouflaged them whereby men are not aware of your corruption and your fatal moral and doctrinal uncleanness. You are nothing but sodomites, adulterers, fornicators and idolaters; which is to say, that you are spiritually and morally dead. "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." 1 Timothy 5:6. But by sophisticated word juggling, a redefining of sin and other forms of smoke and mirror deceptions, you have a name which you live, but are dead. Revelation 3:1.

And we similarly denounce the prescribed woes of Jesus Christ upon you governmental leaders of this nation. "Woe unto you lawyers!"—standing for governmental and official people—"for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." McClintock and Strong, at Volume 5, page 295, comment that the term "lawyers" as used here refers to those skilled in the laws of the land in which they live or to which they belong, and by a required extension to those in positions of official or governmental leadership as distinguished from those in positions of religious leadership. And the woe here denounced on such people is said to be because they have taken away the key of knowledge, which is another powerful metaphor adopted by Jesus Christ here. "The key of knowledge" is that which does open the door to the truth of God in the

earth by which human souls are enabled to enter the kingdom of God. "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Colossians 1:12-13. Public dialogue is largely set by the leaders of any society, and the public agenda is largely set by the leaders of any society; and these leaders therefore hold "the key of knowledge" in that sense. The leaders of this nation in this day have trashed the word of God and the truth of God. They have made homosexuality respectable, and they have made divorce and adultery and fornication respectable. And they have made the murder of millions of unborn babies respectable. And they have made whoremongering and psychiatry, which is that certain sorcery described in the Bible, respectable. And they have made injustice and oppression of the poor respectable. And they have closed the doors of the Courts to the poor in defiance of repeated commands of God almighty that the primary and overriding function of all human courts is to entertain with courtesy the supplications of the poor and to vindicate the poor, because the rich and powerful can generally take of themselves. See Proverbs 31:8-9. "And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's." Deuteronomy 1:16-17. The judges of this evil nation are scared to death of the impudent face of the sodomite. That fear has brought them a snare so that they cannot see their latter end, of which the Holy Spirit at the mouth of Apostle Peter at 2 Peter 2:12, describes: "But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption."

Instead the Courts of this nation are dominated by hearing and promoting the cause of the sodomites. Late April, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court heard the arguments for the cause of sodomites who cry for the right to marry. And they will get it and much more from the rulers of Sodom. "Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah:

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." (Isaiah 1:10; Leviticus 18:22). Since that is abomination than how much more is marrying them and giving them the imprimatur of respectability by religious and secular society. Imprimatur means "a person's acceptance or guarantee that something is of a good standard." This manner of calling God a liar on this most vital matter of life guarantees millions will be denied the key of knowledge and shut out of the kingdom of God. (God has wrought that work of woe as an altogether proper judgment on this nation). "He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" Matthew 19:4-5. Woe, SCOTUS, Woe!

“How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.” Proverbs 1:22-33. We learned from a recent sermon delivered by our beloved brother, Fred Jr., that “hearkeneth” means to obey.

I love you. Amen.