

The Wrath of God

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There are two aspects of the “wrath of God:” 1) God is a consuming fire that destroys all not like/of Him; and 2) The devil unleashed due to sin in the earth. In general on the earth for now, we see very little of the first type, but most of the evil seen in the world is the second type.

Wrath as a word is an intense application of force to achieve an end result. God’s wrath is the force that removes corruption and restores His righteousness on the earth. The restoration in the Book of Revelation where all evil is destroyed and God comes to dwell on the earth is a demonstration of His effective wrath. Notice that the intended end result is good; it is “heaven on earth.” The devil’s wrath destroys all that is like God in a manner to cause the most fear of the devil among men, the most misery for man and for men to distrust God and all that is good.

The negative consequences of violating God’s laws are also called His wrath. This is what most people consider His wrath. This kind of wrath is the consequences of violation of His laws, or of following laws that produce evil consequences. It is not as sure as the blessed consequences for rightly working with God’s laws as evil is overcome by good. Else Jesus never could have healed anyone.

If you ignore gravity and jump off a high cliff, the consequences of gravity, the wrath of gravity, will be felt when you hit the ground. God is the one who made the parachute as seen in dandelion seeds and the “wings” of flying squirrels to show us how to manage the force of gravity and avoid its wrath. God also showed us the law of flight in birds that with added energy and right activity, you can fly against the force of gravity. This is the same God and the same law of gravity. It is our choice how we deal with it. Just like with gravity, ignorance of God’s law is not bliss. Hos 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”

The problem is our not knowing the facts and then secondarily, not applying them properly. By Biblical standard, knowledge that does not cause right behavior is deception and not true knowledge.

The pattern seen throughout the Bible is that when men sin the devil is released to perform great evil and misery on men by the law of sin and death. This law says: you sin you die. So we get attacks of the devil when we sin. Rom 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” Rom 5:21 “That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal zoe-life by Jesus Christ our Lord.” Rom 8:2 “For the law of the Spirit of zoe-life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” 1 Cor 15:56 “The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.” James 1:15 “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” Rom 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal zoe-life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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Another attack is the devil looking whom he can attack whether you sin or not. 1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" So the devil can inflict his wrath, the destruction of anything that looks like God, when we sin and when we do not sin, as long as he is free in this world. So a fuller definition of the law of sin and death is that when you sin death comes in either a fast or slow form, and if you do not sin, because the devil is in the world, he will try to inflict the law of sin and death on you anyway. The less you know about the work of Jesus by the cross, the less you resist the devil in either kind of attack/oppression.

In Exodus 4 God gives Moses two signs to convince people he was from God. First was to put his hand under his robe and it became leprous. Then he put it back again and it was clean. God does not have leprosy in heaven, but the devil does have it in hell. When Moses first put his hand in, this looked like a work of the devil. When Moses put it in the second time and came out healed that was Holy Spirit gladly healing him. So we see numerous times in the Bible where a plague came (God sent by His laws) and then God was able to heal people. God is not confused. Just like with Job, for whatever reason Satan was involved and produced death in some form, and then God was able to heal by someone's right action.

Notice in the case of John 9, the man born blind at birth, neither the parents nor the man sinned. This was either an attack of the devil or an accident in this world of sin; but God did not make him blind else Jesus would not have healed him. Where would God get blindness in heaven? In either case here is what Jesus said: John 9:3 "Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world in showing what God is really like." Like every other healing this was a judgment of the wrath of God on the devil's work by a man knowing it was God's will to always heal. Ps 103:3 "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;"

Per Isaiah 53 Jesus took the full wrath of God for us. Heb 10:12 "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool." Rom 3:24 "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Rom 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of zoe-life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

So before God there is now no legal attacks of the devil whether we sin or not. What is missing is our enforcing the law of the spirit of zoe-life in Christ Jesus on the works of the devil as Jesus did. Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give unto you power-authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power-ability of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Don't blame God for our failure to obey this command and to enforce this responsibility from Jesus.

Jesus is the exact way God is in all a man can be. Heb 1:3 "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" Col 1:14 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:" In the Gospels God, through the life of Jesus, is showing His true nature

operating in a man. Every act of healing Jesus did was a judgment of God against the devil for enforcing or implementing the law of sin and death. Acts 10:34 "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Father God used Jesus to destroy the works of the devil. Healing in the name of Jesus is a right act.

When Adam sinned he released sin and death into the world. Rom 5:14 "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come." Notice the Law of Moses stopped the free reign of the devil and gave men a way to get zoe-life to counter the law of sin and death until Jesus came. Acts 13:37 "But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. 38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have zoe-life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Rom 5:21 "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal zoe-life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

The devils Jesus cast out thought the Day of God's Judgment against them was far away. Jesus demonstrated that it started with His ministry as the Day of Salvation which we are now in. Matt 8:29 "And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment (judge against) us before the time? 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters." By casting out the devils Jesus judged against them.

The word judgment means a judicial decree for or against someone. The word in Matt 8:29 translated torment means misery as a result of a judicial decree against. Jesus issued a judicial decree against the demons and for the man controlled by the demons when Jesus said "Go," in verse 32. So, yes, the devils had the timing wrong, and now is the Day of Salvation, which also starts the Day of Judgment against the devil and his works. 2 Cor 6:1 "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of soteria-salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of soteria-salvation.)" John 5:27 "And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of zoe-life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which

hath sent me.” John 16:8 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment-condemnation: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.” 1 John 3:8 “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy (execute or deliver or enforce the judgment of God against) the works of the devil.”

The full Day of Judgment is when God finally cleans the universe of all of Satan’s works. We now, by faith in the power of the blood of Jesus, have salvation from the full wrath of God when He cleans the universe. 1 Thess 5:8 “But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and agape-love; and for an helmet, the hope of soteria-salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain soteria-salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should zao-live together with him.” Rom 5:9 “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be sozo-saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be sozo-saved by his zoe-life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.”

Even though we are “saved” to be in eternity with God in being born-again, we do not have freedom from our works being judged by the wrath of God on that Day. God has decreed: Num 14:21 “But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.” The Day of Judgment is the final cleansing to allow this to happen. Rom 2:5 “But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:” 1 Cor 3:12 “Now if any Christian man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be sozo-saved; yet so as by fire.” Rom 2:16 “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

Burn It Now Process: Notice on the Day of Judgment is the all consuming fire of God, wrath/judgment, for any work of the devil in any one’s life that is not already destroyed by this 10 step renewing process based on Romans 6:1-13, Romans 13:11-14, Eph 4:20-32, Eph 6:10-20, and Col 3:5-10:

1. Confession (agreeing with what Holy Spirit calls sin),
2. Agreeing Jesus died for it and you are forgiven by His blood in the New Covenant 2000 years ago, and thus thanking Him and Father God for sending Jesus.
3. Judging that sin and its consequence was put on Jesus’ body and remitted, forgiven and healed when He was raised from the dead,
4. Casting out the devil in the situation or yourself

5. Making any restitution/reconciliation,
6. Putting on your mental self the new man made after the image of God in true righteousness and true holiness – the real, born-again, new creation, you.
7. Receiving/enforcing any healing needed in Jesus' name
8. Find specific areas to stop sinning in and confess that is not your real nature in Jesus and see yourself no longer doing that same sin, but acting like Jesus would instead.
9. Thank Father God that He is changing you into being more like Jesus every day (obey Phil 4:6-7 when you struggle with this)
10. Go help others get free in the same way.

This is keeping short accounts with God. A contrite heart knows the judgment is there and sure. The only acceptable way to be sorry for your sin is to acknowledge that the mighty arm of God, Jesus, bore it for you already, paid for it already and was healed of it already so that you thank Him for the healing and then expect to receive that healing to walk more like Him.

Keeping our eye on that Day while knowing your sins are forgiven is a key to Christian growth: 2 Peter 1:8 "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

Fear of God: There are several kinds of fear described in the Bible. The fear of God is designed to keep us from sinning where the devil can try and enforce the law of sin and death, the curses, the wrath of the Law; and for men to want to do righteousness so God's agape-love can fill the earth. The fear of the Lord can be described in four levels. All are the territory of a humble and contrite heart.

1. There is a fear that is the absolute assurance that all sin, every evil work, will be destroyed and that we will reap whatever evil we sow that we do not confess, agree Jesus died for, make whatever restitution on earth is required and put on Jesus Christ over it. This is "knee knocking," self preservation, avoid-all-loss fear, and the one most mentioned in the Bible. (Deut 28 has an impressive list of blessing and what to fear for disobedience, see also 2 Cor 5:10.)
2. There is a fear that is the awesome reverence that God is great and to be obeyed for it is to our benefit. This fear is still a form of self protection.(2 Cor 7:1, Deut 10:20)
3. There is a fear that God is a loving Father and our sins hurt Him by cutting off His love in that area. This is a loving fear where we are more concerned that God does not get all He wants and we are the reason. This is a loving fear that does not want to offend Him. (Rev 14:7, Heb 12:28)
4. There is a fear that is walking in agape-love where you are an active agent of God delivering His agape-love in every part of life and therefore do not sin and only do righteousness. This is where Jesus and mature Christians walk as agape-love slaves to God delighting to only please Him in holding on to His word in trouble and setting others free. (1 John 4:16-19)

Whatever level of right fear that keeps you from sin, and keeps you doing righteousness, is the place to start. There are many scriptures showing each aspect; here are a few describing these different aspects of the fear of God. 2 Cor 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences." 2 Cor 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly agape-beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Deut 10:20 "Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. 21 He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. 22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude." Rev 14:7 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Heb 12:28 "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire." 1 John 4:16 "And we have known and believed the agape-love that God hath to us. God is agape-love; and he that dwelleth in agape-love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17 Herein is our agape-love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in agape-love; but perfect agape-love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in agape-love. 19 We agape-love him, because he first agape-loved us."

God does not have to actively judge wrath on us in this life. The laws that He made when He created the earth and pronounced good do that. Rom 2:11 "For there is no respect of persons with God." Gal 6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap zoe-life everlasting." These two scriptures tell us a fundamental truth. It does not matter who you are; if you plant and nurture good seed, you will reap good fruit; if you plant and nurture bad seed, you will reap bad fruit. This applies to anyone on the earth, everyone, and everywhere. This is a basic law of the universe that God has put in place. Like gravity, God does not have to do anything to enforce the law of sowing and reaping. So reaping what we sow, good or bad, is not a direct judgment of God, just the normal process of His laws in operation. In contrast, every healing of Jesus was an example of God actively judging the works of the devil and the application of His wrath against the devil to set people free from either devil attacks, accidents or evil reaping. He gave that job for us to continue. Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give unto you power-*authority* to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all dunamis-power-*ability* of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." As Jesus is the exact representation of God, we can know He delights in judging the devil to freedom for the oppressed through men – you and me.

Many people think that the God of the Old Testament is a God of wrath, and the God of the New Testament one of agape-love. Well, He is the same God in both and has always been and always will be

the same. He is also a God of forgiveness. Hear the cry of God to the people of the Old Testament who had sown and nurtured bad seed: Hos 10:12 "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in chesed-mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. 13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men (*rather than in God*)."

Look at the example of Job. In Job 1 and 2 we see a throne or court room scene where Satan, the god of this world, accuses God and Job. God does not stop the devil because the devil is working within God's laws; but God does limit what Satan can do. First He limits him to not touching Job's life; and then second He limits him to not killing Job. Then we see God go to work. First in Job 32 He sends Elihu to adjust Job's thinking and quit finding fault with God. Job did well in holding onto God for goodness no matter what, but he still sinned in accusing God of evil-making a mistake. After Elihu gets a little humility into Job, God appears and Job repents. Here is what God does. First He gets Job to pray in an act of the intercessor for his friends who did not repent. Now Job is thinking like God. And then God blesses. Job gets twice as much wealth and a new set of children, and he lives 140 years longer. This is God at work!

God's history with Israel is that they continually would not cooperate with Him to allow Him to bless them, thus their actions produced the curse and not the blessing. He continually sent prophets, just like He did to Job, to turn men from their sins and get life from Him; but they did not. In spite of this He mitigated-reduced as much as He could to save them. Mal 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." It is like our un-resolved sin builds up, and even though His hand is around us as a wall, the sin overflows the wall and we get the judgment of the law of sin and death by Satan as due. (God's ultimate triumph is that He can bless the "saved" in heaven in spite of our earth life.)

We see this in the numerous times Israel sinned and then God showed a way to stop the curse or judgment. In Numbers 12 Miriam gets leprosy for sinning and then Moses prays and she is healed. In the process Moses had to forgive Miriam for speaking against his wife. This series happened repeatedly in the Bible. God has always looked for one who will deal with Him so He can heal. Ps 103:3 "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;" When He could find no man, He sent Jesus: Isa 59:16 "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. 17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke."

Here is God's attitude toward death in any form – from a small headache or scrape to loss of all limbs to untimely death to famine and war: Hos 13:14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." 1 Cor 15:26 "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Rev 1:17 "And when I saw him (*Jesus*), I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that was dead, and was alive; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Bottom line: Anything anyone needs

healed of is an enemy to God. Jesus cast out devils and healed people to show what God delights to do. Jesus made it clear; sickness is God's enemy and is to be destroyed by any Christian at any time.

God has no desire for us to suffer any of His wraths. Jesus took all the wrath of God due us on Himself per Isaiah 53. He sent Jesus to demonstrate His true nature and to "destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8) The word destroy could also mean "to exercise wrath." so this could be stated as "God sent Jesus to exercise His wrath against the devil and thus destroy what the devil has built on the earth so men could be sozo-saved and heaven come to earth."

Zoe-Life is the opposite of the effects of sin and evil. John 3:16 "For God so agape-loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting zoe-life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the (*people of the*) world; but that the world through him might be sozo-saved." In these scriptures we see God's attitude toward us and the devil; zoe-life for us, wrath for the devil and all his works. The problem is if our hearts and minds are in love with the works of the devil, we will suffer the consequences of evil fruit and loss along with the devil on that Day per 1 Cor 3.

Consider: how did Adam and Eve turn this world over to the curse? By disobeying God's word they gave this earth to the consequences of sin and the rule of Satan. One of the meanings of the word "god" is source. When they believed Satan rather than God, they made the devil their source of life, releasing sin, Satan's anti-life force, death, into the world. Rom 5:14 "Nevertheless death reigned *as king with cruel decrees enforced by the devil* from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come." With Moses God started to deal with sin and death until Jesus came.

Consider: 2 Cor 4:4 "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Just like he did to Adam and Eve, Satan, the god of this world, is still blinding people's minds to the agape-love of God in Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that in the end, Jesus will be established as the rightful ruler of this world and Satan put fully in the Lake of Fire.

The wrath of God is that impartial force of agape-love that must clean up sin, all evil that would hurt or hinder His children. God is light, sin is darkness, and light must dispel darkness till darkness is no more. The darkness then feels the "wrath" of the light. The opposite is also true, if light is extinguished, it has felt the wrath of darkness. John 8:12 "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me *as I did* shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of zoe-life *as seen in Me in your own life*." Jesus as seen in the Gospels is the true light of what God is and delights to do when He finds one who will work with Him to do what He wants. True light is to see Jesus as how God really is.

Here is the true nature of the God of the Old Testament. Even when Adam and Eve sinned, unleashed the entire misery upon the human race, God sought them out, gave them garments and even gave them the promise that one of the woman's seed would "crush Satan's head." (See Genesis 3) Father God

could have destroyed Adam and Eve in a heartbeat, but He did not. Instead He showed them how to live in the mess they had made with the promise of ultimate victory and restored fellowship with Him. In Gen 3 Adam released the curse into the earth. God mitigated it so that man could live, but by the sweat of his brow. Otherwise the devil would have killed Eve in childbirth and men in famine. So even if God must exercise His wrath, His justice, His consequences of sin, He always makes a way to bless in the end. He promised one who would “bruise” the devil’s head. Because we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, He sent His son: John 3:17 “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be sozo-saved,” and thus “bruising” the devil’s head.

Most of what men call judgments of God are simply: a) us getting back what we have done to others in reaping the evil bounty of our own sins or sowing to the flesh; b) attacks of the devil; or c) just accidents in a world with sin. In these cases it is not God at work, but the devil. Ps 34:21 “Evil shall slay the wicked...” Ps 18:26 “With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.” Ps 141:10 “Let the wicked fall into their own nets...” Luke 6:37 “Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” Ezek 18:30 “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.” (Notice that per Heb 8:10 and Ezek 26:36, in the new covenant of Jesus, God gives us this new heart and this new spirit and/or writes his laws on our hearts and our minds. While it is a new spirit, it is a reprogrammed heart and mind. And again: Rom 8:15 “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”) A renewed mind walks in the fullness of what God has done for us in the new creation.

God holds back His wrath to give us time to repent and to give a way of escape, for through it all God is calling, “Turn to my Son and live!” It is amazing that people can have faith in God’s wrath, but not His blessing. If we confess our sins to God, receive His forgiveness, apply that forgiveness to the consequences of sin and the curse sin brings, and put on the new man in Jesus, we can destroy the consequences and the curse sin brings just like Jesus did.

Every healing Jesus did was an example of God’s attitudes to evil that hurts men when He has someone with His view on His goodness (See Psalm 103). King David knew the truth: Ps 86:5 “For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in chesed-mercy unto all them that call upon thee. 6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. 7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.”

As we agree with God we will enforce the benefits of all the wrath due us falling on Jesus and resist the devil in any of his works until he flees. Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I

perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Notice in verse 35 using the name of Jesus to get people healed is a working of righteousness. And no matter how good or bad at it you are, this makes you acceptable to God. The more you reprogram your heart and mind, the better you will be at it. A right heart operates in the fire of God just like Jesus.

We see many times in the Old Testament where men built an altar to make a sacrifice and God sent fire and consumed it: Gideon (Jud 6:21), David (1Cr 21:26) and Elijah (1 Ki 18:38). The sacrifice stood for the sin and God destroyed it by fire, and then God started through a man to set things right. When God destroys something it is all gone. The great flood destroyed all as did the judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah. Rev 21 and 22 shows the earth fully cleaned and prepared for God to bring heaven to earth. Jesus destroyed, purged, and dissolved our sins, once for all men, 2000 years ago. The job was fully and completely done. God does not live in time and this work of Jesus was timeless, eternal, once for all time. This is what it means when Holy Spirit says: Heb 10:10 "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of **the body of Jesus Christ once for all**. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool *by us, the Church*. 14 For **by one offering he hath perfected for ever** them that are sanctified. 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their **sins and iniquities will I remember no more**. 18 Now where remission of these is, **there is no more offering for sin.**" The wrath due us fell on Jesus. All of these scriptures relate to this in the past tense. It is done! Our job is to now deliver the wrath of God on the devil and get people set free.

Jesus came to baptize with Holy Spirit and fire. That fire burns up all the chaff, the useless parts of the earth, and chaff is a symbol of any work of the devil. Luke 3:16 "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: 17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable." The final day is the Day of Judgment; until then we are to judge the devil by fire in setting people free of any oppression of the devil in Jesus' name. Stir yourself up with God's word, the scriptures, till you operate in God's fire, His zeal for deliverance.

Jesus, by Holy Spirit, burns with fire the works of the devil in men and makes them whole; thus delivering the wrath of God to the devil and not to men. Acts 14:3 "Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands." Mark 16:19 "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was

received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”

And we are to continue that same word, the same way, in that same spirit-word-fire, against the wrath of the devil by using the wrath, the word, of God to create peace like Jesus did: Acts 10:36 “The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” Let us go and do likewise in the name of Jesus knowing: Isa 55:11 “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth *through you*: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” Heb 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” He is ever the Healer and He must always heal by exercising the wrath of God on the works of the devil.

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