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The Pastors Thoughts:

God will punish sinners!

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them." Romans 1:18 - 19

There is no question of God's thoughts concerning sin, God hates sin so much He condemned the entire human race because of one single sin, Adams sin. Some people would like to make us believe that God loves the sinner but hates the sin, but God will not punish the sin He will punish the sinner. The sin is not responsible, the sinner is, *"The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity."* Psalms 5:5 It is a fool's thinking that somehow God loves every sinner and in time He turns to hate that very sinner, God is Eternal and Sovereign, therefore He never changes, EVER! Other people want us to believe that somehow salvation is for all and even if we live a life of sin and unbelief that we will all get to heaven because God loves us all. This is biblical ignorance at the highest level, also secular thinking and the lost persons only hope. The truth is God hates sin and God hates sinners, God will not punish sin He will punish the sinner for their sins in the eternal lake of fire. *"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 angels:"* Matthew 25:41 If your hope is built on anything or anyone except Jesus Christ then you are doomed for eternal punishment. *"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;"* 1 Timothy 1:1

God said, *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men..."* These are those who refused to accept Jesus Christ His Beloved Son and sent Saviour as their Saviour. Jesus Christ came to this world for one purpose, to save a remnant of sinners, *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."* Luke 19:10 Jesus did not come "in hope" of saving sinners but to save them, God does nothing "in hope" of accomplishment. However, for those who have rejected Jesus Christ as Saviour there is a consequence, you will one day face God's wrath. The word "wrath" in its true meaning here is - anger, indignation, or vengeance – which as we know is an unthinkable amount of pain and misery in the lake of fire that is never quenched. The poor unsaved, non-believing rich man described hells fury this way, *"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (24) And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and*

send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." Luke 16:23 – 24 The "...*ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...*" Ungodliness is defined – wickedness or impiety – Albert Barnes defined it this way, "It refers to the fact that people had failed to honor the true God, and had paid to idols the homage which was due to him." Which is what "impiety" means, to give God's due honor to another and failing to worship God. God commanded that everyone love and obey Him, "*In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.*" Deuteronomy 30:16 God accepts nothing less, and all who do not is going to receive God's wrath in time. No sinner will ever worship God and walk in His commandments unless they are saved through the work of Jesus Christ and forgiven by the Saviour's blood. The obedience of Jesus is our obedience, the perfection of Jesus is our perfection in our obedience and worship. Mankind, not even the saved can properly worship God or walk righteously unless God causes us too. If not for the grace, preservation, and power of the Holy Spirit, we would all fail. "*For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*" Acts 17:28 Every person should live their life in reverence to God and in holiness to God and without failure, this is only possible through Jesus Christ.

When God speaks of "and unrighteousness of men..." He is describing peoples second condemnation, which is defined - legal injustice or moral wrongfulness – This sin is primarily our sin against other people, as well as our unrighteous walk in this world. Again, we all fail at this, however in Jesus Christ it is possible and accomplished. God commanded people to first love him, "*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*" Matthew 22:37 and secondly God commanded we love our neighbor, "*And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*" Matthew 22:39 We are not allowed to hate one another, we are not allowed to bring vengeance on one another, we are commanded to love one another. Christians fail at this as we fail in everything else, but again we are perfect in Jesus Christ. God will not bring wrath against the believer because all their sins are pardoned in Jesus Christ. However, the lost person has not forgiveness, and therefore one day God will deliver to all lost souls' to wrath and destruction in hells eternal fires. In closing, please be warned, people's punishment is not in this world, in fact most lost people prosper in this world, their punishment is after death. Satan blesses his own and many lost people are earthly blessed. How many billionaires are Christians, none that I know of, not one. Christians, real Christians do not have glory and fame, there may be a few, but very few. The prosperity of Christians is not for this world, but rather in the world to come. Lost people have no eternal glory so their punishment will be eternity in hells fires. God said He has a vengeance, and it is His to execute, and one day He will. "*Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, (10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*" 2 Thessalonians 2:9 - 12

Who shall have the glory—the worm or Jesus?

By William Romaine, 1714-1795

I received your letter, and think you overlook our ever adorable Jesus, in setting any value upon a poor, dirty worm such as myself.

If His grace raised this poor, dirty worm from a dunghill and set it upon a throne with His princes, who shall have the glory—the worm or Jesus? Shall any of His due praise be given to the worm? God forbid!

As vile and base as I am—yet He lets me approach Him and converse with Him freely.

He condescends to admit me into fellowship with Him; and He opens His treasures and says, "All these are yours. I bought them for you with the price of My blood, but I give them to you as a free gift!"