

THE WRATH OF GOD- Part 2

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Today I am going to continue to speak on the wrath of God... the passionate wrath of God. You know we have been thinking of the wrath of God as something that is very destructive, something that God exercises towards people who don't want to obey Him, but, basically as a punishment for disobedience. Today I am going to further explain that God is not in the punishment business! He is not in the business of taking out His anger on people. He can never be but who He really is. What we are actually going to do today is we are going to look into the mirror of the glory of God and just behold ourselves as we see who He is. Amen!

One of my favorite preachers is Ravi Zacharias, I listened to one of his teachings where he told a story. I'm going to tell two stories and both of them are two stories. This guy was in jail, I think in China. He was in jail for fifty years. He went in when he was 25 and he came out at the age of 75. He asked this question, "What would you think would be the first thing that this guy asked for once he was released? The first thing that he could hold in his hand?" The first thing that he asked for was a mirror for he's never seen his face in 50 years. They gave him a mirror. He looked into the mirror and he started to sob. I think that is what is going to happen today and what's happened in Jesus Christ. We've been living in the jail of the law never perceiving our own face. And once we are released, we can see who we really are and our life can be shaped by what we are beholding. We need to have this reality in every study we make of every topic in the Bible, even in the wrath of God.

Ravi is a Christian philosopher who was born and lived in India. At the age of 17 he tried to commit suicide. He survived. He opened his eyes in Intensive Care. Somebody came and shared Jesus with him and he got saved. Now, apparently, they had some money and had servants when they lived in India. In the 80s, one guy, that worked for them for many years, said to him, "Let us buy you a ticket to go and watch a movie." He went and when he came back, they asked him, "So, how was it?" He had never been to the movies in all his life. He said, "At first I was quite confused because I just went in and saw these bright lights. I came in and I didn't know where to look. I was looking at the projector where the light was coming out. It was amazing but it wasn't as what I thought it would be. Then somebody turned me around and I saw the reflection of that light and then I understood and it impacted my life."

I think, when it comes to the Gospel, we were staring ourselves blind at the brightness of the Gospel in things like signs, wonders and miracles and the supernatural and all those kinds of things. But we could never see the message it is trying to convey. And, today we are going to have to take that mindset of, we are not going to look at the bright light, but we are going to look at what it is trying to say, to understand the wrath of God.

I just laid down a foundation on what the wrath of God is so that you can know what conclusion I want to come to. And this is the conclusion: In this session today, we are going to conclude that the wrath of God is His passionate reach for life, the highest way of living, founded in family relations. The wrath of God is God's passion for persuasion, belief, Influence and mutual birth based in life which He gives to people honoring their design.

It can also be perceived as anger. Let me explain this. This is the conclusion: The wrath of God is God's passion for His original intent for who He is and who you are. It can be perceived as anger. Now, the best way that I can see it is like in normal family life: Here is my son. My son says to me, "Dad, I want to do something this way." I tell him, "Should you do it that way, it is going to destroy you! You cannot do it that way!" But he is my son and he is a mature son. So, he's not a child. He's a son. I give him the right of freedom of choice. He lives like me. I'm passionate about the fact that we live by mutual influence. I am passionate about the fact that I will never overrule him but that he will believe in what I say and then what I say will be born in him and take place in him. I'm passionate about that.

I'm so passionate about that, that when he wants to go and do something that is contrary to what I think is good for him, that I will not override my original plan which is that he will be a being that will live in relationship with me. I will never be his boss to the point that I will say, "If this is what you want, then go and do it." And he will go away and say, "But, my dad is angry." But his dad is not angry. His dad is passionate for a certain way of living. His dad is passionate to say, "I am never going to be his boss!" I never want to be Abrie's boss! If, after school, Abrie decides that he wants to go and sell drugs, I will tell him, "My son, that way will kill you!" But the only way that I would want him to not to partake of drugs is not by me locking him up in a jail causing him not to partake of it. I am passionate about him believing in me, my goodness influencing him and he, from revelation of that truth, having the life that I know is the best for him, sharing in my life. Should he not believe in me, this is my wrath: that he can have what he wants. That is the manifestation of my passion for what I believe in saying, "I refuse to partake in what he believes because if I do it, I will end all that is good."

The paradigm shift in understanding the wrath of God actually is the passion of God is so big that we... it is difficult to explain because of the mind shift that we've got to go through, you know, because you've always seen the wrath of God is the anger of God.

Let's just lay down the foundation from where we are going to study the scriptures. Now this might sound very complicated but I had to write this down for myself to put in my notes that I can always go back to this. I'm going to explain what I say so this is what I mean by this. So, this is going to sound very complicated but don't switch off if you are watching by internet. Just listen.

A derivative of an absolute has to have the elements of the absolute existentially and philosophically. Studying a derivative, outside of these simple boundaries, would not be a true study for it is based on the foundation that is not congruent with the absolutes. A derivative of an absolute is an absolute expressed tangibly. The derivative of an absolute has to stand the test of congruent integration to be truly connected to the absolute.

This means that if I have an absolute, which is God, and something derives from God, it has to have the attributes of this absolute, which is God, present in it or we can never assign it to the absolute. So, when we study the Grace of God, we see the attributes of love in the Grace. When we study mercy, we are going to see God, which is love, in the mercy otherwise it is not the mercy of God. If the mercy includes punishment, it is the mercy of someone else or something else. It cannot be the mercy of God.

When we study the wrath of God it has to have the attributes of God's unconditional love, honor and respect for original design, family life, the platform from where we function which is love, faith and trust present in it, or you cannot say that it is the wrath of God. There are different wraths in the Bible. Let's read one example in Genesis. This is Jacob who was upset with his sons, Simeon and Levi. Now, Simeon and Levi is a very good explanation if you look at the types and shadows of law mixed with grace. We know the Levites. It talks about the guys that basically did all the law stuff and the priests and all those kind of things in the temple. It talks about the Levitical law. Simeon was named Simeon because Leah said, "Jacob doesn't love me. He loves Rachel. And in this place where I had no love God saw where I had no love and He blessed me. He was good to me even when I was rejected by my husband. God heard my cry and therefore, I call him Simeon because Simeon means to hear." Levi talks about Levitical laws. Basically, the word, Levi, means to be accepted because you've done something.

When Levi was born, he was a third son, and then she said, "Because Rachel hasn't had any sons and I bore Jacob three sons, he shall now love me because I bore him three sons." ... talking about the law. Because I have done three good things, now I'll be loved. He will be called Levi." Now these two sons did something. With this in mind, let's read this. This is Jacob blessing his sons telling them what they're going to inherit and all those kinds of things.

Genesis 49:

Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords. (This is now Jacob speaking: Simeon and Levi are very violent sons. So, Law mixed with Grace is very violent!) ***Simeon and Levi are brothers; deceit and force are their secret design. Oh, my soul, come not near them.***

:7 Cursed be their wrath, for it was willful and their anger, for it was cruel:

So here Jacob comes and he says, "Cursed be the wrath of these two sons of mine because it was willful and it was cruel." Jacob says, and we can read this into the New Testament, seeing that a wrath that is willful and cruel cannot cause you to have an inheritance because it is not God's kind of a wrath. God's kind of a wrath is not willful.

Willful there means, "I got so upset, so now I am willfully going to be cruel to somebody because he doesn't want to obey Me." That is wrath, there, means. And here we see it as a wrath that should be rejected and that caused them not to inherit. He says, "I will cause them to be scattered in Israel." So that cannot be! When we look at the wrath of God we cannot decide as a cruel, willful, killing of people, only having self-prosperity in mind.

When we study the wrath of God, we've got to look at it from a different perspective. The wrath of God and the wrath of the Law are two different things. The wrath of God, like I explained, is His passion for a certain system and we are going to go into it now and explain how the manifestation of that works today because the Bible says that the wrath of God is already manifested on the sons of disobedience today. We are going to see what that really is. But the wrath of the Law is this: It is what the woman would have experienced when she was caught in the act of adultery: "Let us, then, kill her!"

The wrath of God does not kill you! The wrath of God warns you that you will be killed by believing something wrong. Then, if you are adamant about it, He is passionate, for the system that you live by faith, to the point that He will allow you to have your own will even if it is unto death. Should God have said to Adam and Eve, "You know what? You partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which is, 'You are by what you do' and you were not passionate for, 'You are what I am'. If He partook with them, then everybody would have died. But, because of His passionate reach... I don't know why we use the word, wrath, because it can be perceived as anger, but the Greek means, "His passionate reach!" The Greek word is ὀργή, (orgé) His passionate reach for His kind of life was so powerful that He refused to say, "I'll partake with Adam and Eve."

The best way that we can see the wrath of God is in the life of the prodigal son. The son asked the father for his inheritance and then he left. If the father would have left with him and lost everything with him, what would the son have had to come back to? Nothing! But, the father said, "This is how I live. I'm passionate about all that I have belongs to you!" He doesn't want to live at the place where it is, "All that I have belongs to you!" He wants to say, "What I have received of God is mine and I'll build my own life with these things!" And he lost it all! But the father remained at that place and never moved with him to that other legalistic place. Seeing this in the New Testament that you cannot find God in the commands of the Law towards you! He's not in there! He is in the "I Am" so that you "Can be"

This can be very complicated but please bear with me. We are going to look at **Romans 1:16** as a practical example in the Bible.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Let me explain this. (Thank God you know I want to tell you that I am so excited about understanding the wrath of God! It is such good news! It changes your mind about who God is. It puts Him in your subconscious mind in the category of 'only good' and there's no doubt about it! It gives you that look in the mirror of your original design. It reveals the whole system of the Trinity life of mutual influence, belief, faith and everything we've been preaching here for years.

Here he comes and he says, "***the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith..***"

Now, what does that mean? I will read verse 17 again: ***For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for in the Gospel is the righteousness of God revealed*** (Another word for revealed there is manifested) ***from faith to faith*** (In other words: from His persuasion to our persuasion. So we see the righteousness or the life of God manifesting in us as we are persuaded with His persuasion.

It talked about a manifestation here and now it goes on in verse 18: ***For the wrath of God is revealed*** (manifested) ***from heaven against*** (in) ***all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...*** the word, "for" there is so important.

I just want to first say to you here for the first time, I apologize for the complicated message but we need to get this into our hearts.

Listen to this and I am going to recap to explain the concept and what the wrath is. The life of God is manifested, (how He lives, His quality of life) is manifested as we have His persuasion. But, God's passion for His own system of life is revealed in those who don't believe in Him, through the manifestations of everything but life, in them. With that in mind, let us read the verse again. ***Verse 17: For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live*** (have life or have life manifested in them) ***by faith*** (sharing in God's persuasion or faith).

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Now I am going to read another six verses and you are going to see how this unfolds.

Romans 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifested in them

So, here is a person who doesn't believe that which might be known of God concerning life, is manifested in us that believe. Those that don't believe that which must be known about God is manifested in them. Why do we see, in the life of a person that doesn't believe in God, that doesn't believe in Grace, and believes in legalism, we see turmoil and strife and all those kinds of things. So, what we learn about God in his life that that system that he believes in can never manifest life. It's not transcendent of God meaning that God doesn't breathe life into man through legalism and through chasing after the Law.

God is in a love relationship. God is passionate about, "I'll be good to you to the point that that goodness gives birth to My quality of life in you free from your works, free from sin consciousness, free from your labor and effort and trying to persuade God that you are valuable. You see the manifestation of peace in that person.

So here we see the life of God manifested through persuasion. Here we see another group of people. We see that they want to live by their own doing and their own works and we see the result. We still see that man lives by His persuasion which, what we learn about God, is that man is a being that what he is persuaded of manifests in his life. And this guy is persuaded that he, by his own works, will produce life and we can clearly see that God is not in that. That is called the wrath of God.

Traditionally we thought that the wrath of God is the anger of God that He will pour out on people in the last day killing those who irritated Him. But that is not it! From the beginning, God said that system of legalism shall kill you. So God says law legalism and you are by what you do, will kill you, guess what? **It shall kill you!** God doesn't have to kill you because the thing that you partake of already possesses the power to destroy your life so you can never put God on the side of the death. Never! You can never put God on the side of the destructor or the destroyer.

The Bible says God says, "***I form (give) the light, and create darkness...***" (Isaiah 45:7) So, how can God bring light and create darkness? Then it goes on and says, "I say to the skies, "***Rain down righteousness ...***" (Isaiah 45:8) And as the skies rain down righteousness, you reject my righteousness.

It's like me walking into a typical Charismatic church today and I switch on the light and I say, 'You don't have to tithe to be blessed! Neither sow or reap!' I put on the light and the moment I do that, I create a lot of darkness because, all of a sudden, a lot of fighting breaks loose and my passion for this truth is revealed. In those who believe it, as life and in those that don't believe it, as fighting and turmoil because they don't want to partake of this life! It's not me causing them to be angry. **It is their unbelief in the truth that causes the anger.** Amen!

Verse 23 talks about people that rejected God. ***Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.*** The context of this is it talks about the heathen that didn't have the law but God revealed to them who He really was. Then they rejected Him. They made four-footed animals. After they created that, then they started to worship those animals and this is what then happened:

23 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

24 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

25 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

26 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

What He says here is that the wrath of God is revealed in these people who reject My love. How is it revealed? God gives them up so that they can have what they want. For God is passionate about the System where He said, "You shall not live by Me overruling you. You shall live by My influence upon your heart." Even if they wanted to believe in a foreign god or something weird, that is going to kill them. God was too passionate and is too passionate, about the System where He says, "You shall live by faith" to say, "Okay. I'll make you My slave and I will force you to have good." You are so passionate about this System that when Satan and cleverly tricked man into slavery, where they had no choice but to die, He came and destroyed that System in the Baptism of John.

At John's baptism, the Pharisees come to the baptism to see what was going on. John said, "Who has warned you to flee from the wrath of God? Behold, the ax is at the root and every tree that does not bear forth fruit shall be chopped down." He was declaring the wrath of God.

What is the wrath of God? It is an ax that is at a tree that cannot bear forth fruit. That tree is the fig tree. It is a tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It's a tree of Levi. It's legalistic tree system in which the Pharisees were standing thinking that they were bearing fruit. He says to them, "This is the tree that is going to be chopped down. You think that you are children of Abraham but God can, out of these stones, make children of Abraham. He's chopping out this whole system because you think you are something because you are Jews. You are something because God made you something. You were slaves of the Law and the wrath of God has revealed His passion for the System, where you live by faith and not by works, is so great that He is now taking away the legalistic System completely and the wrath of God was revealed in Christ! Hallelujah

For He said, "There shall not be a System where My people are enslaved unto you shall have death. There shall only be the System which is true in the Godhead, in the Trinity which are called a Trinitarian System where the Father believes in the Son, the Son believes in the Father, they both believe in the Spirit. From this wonderful congruent cross pollination, if you want to call it a Family System, there's a mutual birth and sharing in equality of life taking place which He made available for all people. Adam came and walked out of that System, enslaved millions of people, and then God says, "No! Every man shall have the freedom of choice to partake of that System." That is the wrath of God.

The Bible says that those who don't believe in Jesus, the wrath of God is still revealed towards them. We can even see the passion for this in those who don't believe for they are bearing the fruit of legalism in them. When they say, "I shall be legalistic and I can have My life by legalism, God says, "I tell you that will kill you! But this is life, and I am passionately staying in this System, where you shall have life by My goodness towards you. If you want to have life anywhere else, I cannot give you life in that System for I am eternally saying, "No to legalism and death." That is the wrath of God.

This is what is revealed clearly here in Romans 1:

18 For the wrath of God is revealed (manifested *from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

People hear the truth and reject it. They don't want it and go and live another life. We see God's passion there. How is this passion manifested?

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts... That means they wanted to go there, they wanted to go there, and eventually God said, "If you want to go there, then you can go there! My door is open. You can come back anytime! I am not rejecting you! I love you!" I want to say this: while people walk away like that, I do believe that there is an inner voice drawing them but you cannot force your child to have something that you think is good. If I force my child to have what I believe is good, I contradict everything I believe is good. I hope you understand what I am saying. I cannot force my child.

What is good for me and for Helena is that we believe in each other, that we love each other, that we see the value in each other. And from there have a life born into each other and from each other. That's good! I don't want Helena to stay at home with me but she actually loves someone else but she just stays with me because that is the right thing to do. Or, I see her fall in love with someone else and now I lock the door and she can't get out of the house. She shall love me! I have contradicted everything that I stand for and I brought hell into my very own home! That is what you do.

So, the wrath of God is actually God's passion which can be seen as anger.

I am now going to further explain what wrath really is...

Romans 2:

4 Or despises you the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But after your hardness and impenitent heart treasures up for yourself 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:

I want to explain that, "**will render to every man according to his deeds.**" The Bible says that the wrath of God is to render for every man according to his deeds. It doesn't say, "to kill any man." It is to render to every man according to his deeds. That's the wrath of God. Now let's read how:

1 To them who by patient continuing in well doing seek (The well doing is belief in Jesus. He who patiently believed in Christ, expecting Christ to bring forth) **for glory and honour and immortality,** (They will see life) **eternal life:** Those who did not do that and rejected Christ and said, "I shall live by the Law, and by my own willpower and the System of, "I am by what I possess and have." What will they have? They will have destruction and indignation!

So the wrath of God is to allow people to have people what they want. That's it! God cannot be seen as the God that kills the people! That's wrong! You know, I've been struggling for years trying to get a God, that is only good, connected to a God that will just kill everybody in the end day, the last day. I was even thinking on family values.

Remember what I said last week. When we study anything, it should be in unison with family value. Now, if my son, I'm talking about a grown-up son here..., when we think of God, in a few instances, you can think of yourself as a child but most of the time think of yourself as a full-grown son that's already got your own kids and your father. If my children already have kids and I see that he has done something wrong and I see the death that the wrong is bringing his life, how can I now go and even kill him! It's outside of family understanding. But, it does make sense when I see my son really wanting to do something that is something to his own destruction, and I give my everything to win him and all I do, everything I do, he still rejects and I see the death, even unto death, what can I do? Nothing!

The Bible says the wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God. But, when we study the wrath of God, we can still see the righteousness of God and the goodness of God honoring original design. What we need to do is we need to have a very good look at who Jesus is, who the Father is, who the Trinity is, and see that as the picture and reflection of God's reality in us. And the life we have is transcends from Him. We don't have a life outside of belief and persuasion and Him being good to us and our hearts being persuaded. We are not beings created to have life in any other form as transcendent life... meaning life that comes from Him. We cannot have life by our own ability! There's only one Jehovah! The word, Jehovah, means self-existing one. There is only one! He made us to be a being that shares in the self-existence that He possess. And the only way that you can have it is by a family relationship with Him where you are not sin conscious, where you are not works' conscious, but where you are righteousness conscious.

A powerful verse: **Romans 4:**

13 For the promise, that he (Abraham) should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

15 Because the law works wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

Let me explain this verse. God promises Abraham that he will have descendants and that he will have a blessed life. The only access he could have to that life which God freely gave was by being persuaded that it is so. And by that persuasion, he saw the manifestation of that life in his life even in times of his disobedience, where he lied about Sarah. God was still good to him because he didn't live by the law but he lived by works. So by faith in Christ... let me explain that faith... to have the persuasion He has to be of the same persuasion for He persuades your heart by His goodness. So He is good to you. You become persuaded of His goodness, you find His life, His peace. Like someone said that they are going through hard times but still have peace. We see His life manifest in them.

15 Because the law works wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

Faith works, manifests, the righteousness but the law works, manifests, everything **but** that life! When we are under the Law, what manifests in our life according to Romans 7. Is: Sins, destruction, despair, anger, the fruit of the flesh! Here Paul calls it the wrath of God.

Because the law works wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression and where Law is each transgression. So here we see the passion of God towards a System where you live by faith and where you are persuaded and where you are born from what you believe. We see it here very clearly.

The wrath of God is seen in the lives of people through the fruit of the flesh. Now, when I see the wrath of God, I don't see the anger of God. When I see God not giving life to my legalistic system, I'm so blessed because I see that He continues to honor His promise He made from the beginning. I see that He continues to honor Jesus Christ as my Representative and He doesn't push Jesus aside to give me life outside of His original design and intent which was to be co-seated, co-live, co-spirited with Him. I hope you understand what I am saying.

If I come and I see I continually live in an absolute fear in my finance and the reason I fear like that is because of a belief system where I find my identity in what I possess and my own ability and I find all of that, I don't read it as God's anger towards me. I read it as God's passion for the original plan where He would give it to me for free not rendering life or giving life or any virtue to me through legalism for He is still not part of the legalistic system and He will never be part of it! Glory to God! Amen!

Listen to this... this is so powerful! I am going to read two verses. Ephesians 2 and 1Thessalonians 2.

Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

He says that we are children of wrath. It talks about people who didn't believe in Jesus. What happened? They were the children of the wrath of God. What is the wrath of God? The Bible says in Hebrews 4, "I have sworn in my wrath that you shall not enter into my rest outside of faith." Unless you are persuaded of My goodness and you don't stand on your own works/righteousness, you shall never have rest!" God has sworn that. That is His wrath, His passion for true Trinity life. In that, in His passion for that life, He swore and He said (in Hebrews) that even though the work was finished from the beginning, it was already finished and He already entered into His rest, you shall not enter into rest outside of the Rest System which is to have it for free! He swore that! That is the wrath of God. And now it says that when you were without God and aliens, not even knowing about Jesus, we were the children of wrath. What happened? Our lives were born out of having no rest because we were not in the system of rest. That is the wrath of God! The end of that wrath is for the people that are completely given over to that wrath and born from that wrath, is never to have the quality of life called immortality in the return of Christ for they shall have what they wanted all the time.

So this is not an angry God! When we look at the internet, we find a doctrine going around saying that all people shall be saved. It doesn't matter how good it sounds. It is not congruent with original design. It is not in line with its original plan and it completely contradicts who you are and what you are and what God stands for... trying to put God in a better light than what it really is.

I remember, when I was in school, there was a girl whose father believed that his daughters would just sleep with any guy. When we had a dance at school, his daughters were not allowed to come. He would drive from a neighboring town, come to the school, and be outside among the bushes there with a flashlight spying on all the teenagers. .. catching them. Is that the love of a father? Is that a father, really loving his daughter, when you say, "I wish and pray for a father that would be like that to me all my life." No, you say the guy is crazy! Then he would go and prove to the school that their security is not good enough and whatever and say, "That's why my kids can't come here

In the very same way, if God is portrayed as this father that shall force you into His house, He's contradicted His very existence. So His wrath is revealed here clearly. It says, and I hope this drives it home: **1 Thessalonians 2:14 For you, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which are in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for you also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:**

It says here that just as the churches in Judea were persecuted for believing the truth, you are also persecuted.

Then it talks about these Jews:

:15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

Listen, these people were in such rebellion against God in the presence of Jesus that had died, in the presence of the Resurrection, they were so in rebellion, willfully, against God, that God gave them over to what they really want, which is the wrath of God, to the point that they are forbidding people to preach to the Gentiles for a Gentile might just be saved.

The wrath of God was manifested. We can see the wrath of God. We can see the free world system... the system of 'live by faith and persuasion' where God doesn't force you, where you are loved into something manifested in such a great way that we can even see that God has given these people over, for they wanted it to the point that, they are in such rejection, they hated the Gentile so much, they are saying, "Let's not preach the Gospel to the Gentiles, lest a Gentile be saved!" What it actually is saying is, "Let the Gentiles go to hell!" The old South African would have been, "We hate the Black so much, let's not preach the Gospel to them so they might go to hell!" A person that can do that from the depth of his heart, they're so rejected that the relentless tenderness of God, which is still active towards him, that death can manifest in him.

I want to say this in closing: Should this happen to a person, it does not mean that God doesn't love that person. It doesn't mean that God says, "Oh, you didn't want to listen to Me so I give you over." It's not the anger of God. That wrath is not to exist and does not exist. It's not congruent with a love of God. It's like my son and me. If my son wants to marry somebody that I know this person will destroy their life, I want to say that my compassion goes out even more to that person in that state. I will do everything possible but the more I do and the more they reject, the more death I see.

It's like a child, where you have a good business idea for him and he doesn't want to do it. Now he becomes rebellious and now he rejects it. You come with another idea and he rejects that one. Now you can eventually see that in that rejection, utter destruction has come to him and he comes to a place where he has lost common sense in his rebellion. Yet, you are not going to force him into anything for you are a being that lives by faith and persuasion and love and mutual influence called Grace.

Know this: God will never, ever, dishonor His original plan. Should He do that, He will deny Himself to the point He will deny the truth in Himself. He will partner with Satan and the ministrations of death will conquer God. He cannot deny your design!

I've said in Church many times and I want to say it again: They came to Jesus and said of Jesus, "Jesus, shall we pay taxes to Caesar?" They wanted to catch Him within sly craftiness by bringing in politics into religion. Jesus said, "Give Me the money that you pay the taxes with." They gave him a denari. He says, "Whose image is inscribed on this coin? They said, "Caesar's." Then He said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar's and to God what belongs to God. "Now, that begs the question, which they never asked, "What belongs to God?" The answer would have been, "Where is the image of God inscribed?" It's on a human being! You are the image of God! So bring back to God what belongs to God!

So there, before the cross, He was already declaring that the human race belongs to God... not the Church! The human race belongs to God and see how He honors and how He is passionate for His original plan that He still gives man the free will to walk home, to come home. He came to seek and to save **that** which was lost. It doesn't say, "those". He says that! What was lost? What got lost in Adam! Free will got lost in Adam! Free will got lost! The System of, "You live by persuasion", He influences you by love. The System where you have His life as a free gift in you where because, 'He is, you are' got lost in Adam for Adam sold it to the System that, 'you are what you do'. Jesus came and He sought and He already saved that System. He brought it back to the original place and now we stand again where Adam stood, long before the fall, in union with God where you can now live by the persuasion that is in your heart. And God's passion for the System is so great that you can have whatever you are persuaded of ... even if it be death. That is the wrath of God!

I hope it made sense. I've tried my best.

Father, I want to thank You for this awesome revelation. As I've been walking with this for the last past years, I knew the day would come when I would preach on this. I am so overjoyed in this awesome truth!

Thank You, Lord, that You will stand your ground in the presence of so many different things wherein the contrary System was to contradict who You are and what You are and who we are and what we are.

Lord, as we look into the mirror and we again today, behold our original design, we stand in awe of a God that could create, out of dust, a being that is so much the likeness of God. Lord, we know that we cannot create out of gold or silver or anything, any image that looks like the image in heaven for it will just contradict ourselves for we are the very image of God on this planet. You created an image by Your hands, out of ground, gave it life which is the image of God on earth, which is us.

When we make a statue and we want to pray to it, we contradict our very design. We walk in error as pertaining to who and what we really are. We want to honor You for Your greatness and Your awesomeness. Thank You for Your beautiful passion that You have in never partnering with Adam in that death. Thank You for Your wrath, oh God! It is beautiful to us. It is beautiful to me, my God. You always treat us as equals with You. You have never got disgusted with us in what happened in the Fall. You've restored us. You've cut out that tree. The ax was at the root. The tree was chopped down and out of the root of the stem of Jesse, came a plant, the tree of life, that we can freely partake of and we are not slaves anymore. Thank You, Father, for Your greatness! Amen and amen

