

## The Wrath of God - Part 2

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I will continue to speak and then I will recap on last Sunday's message where I am talking about the wrath of God, the passionate wrath of God.

We've been thinking of the wrath of God as something that is very destructive, something that God exercises towards us, or towards people who don't want to obey Him, basically as a punishment for disobedience. Last Sunday, we clearly see and today I am going to continue to explain that God is not in the punishment business. He is not in the "taking out His anger on people" business. He can never be but Who He really is!

What we actually are 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 and this is what he said. He told two stories and both are true stories.

A man was in jail in China, or somewhere, for fifty years. He went in when he was twenty-five and he came out at the age of seventy-five. Ravi asked this question: "What do you think would be the first thing this guy asked for once he was released? The first thing that he could hold in his hand?" The first thing he asked for was a mirror for he had never seen his face in fifty years. They gave him a mirror and he looked into the mirror and he started to sob.

I think that is what is going to happen today and what has 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 in India. At the age of seventeen he tried to commit suicide. He opened his eyes in the intensive care, he had survived and someone came and shared Jesus with him and he got saved.

Now apparently they had to have some money, they had servants when he lived in India and guys worked for them for many years. One day they said to him, "Let us buy you a ticket to go and watch a movie. (This was in the eighties.) They bought him the ticket and he went. When he returned, they asked him, "How was it?" He had never been to the movies in his life. He said, "At first I was quite confused because I just went in and I saw these bright lights." They said, "Bright lights?" And he said, "Yes, I came in and didn't know where to look and 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 and then someone turned me around and then 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.

Today we 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 the foundation on what the wrath of God is so you can know what conclusion I want you to come to. 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 in short. When you look at the wrath of God, and 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.

The best way that I can see it is in normal family life. My son says to me, "Dad, I want to do something this way." I tell him, "Should you do it that way, it's going to destroy you! You cannot do it that way!" But, he is my son and he is a mature son, he is not a child, so I give him the right of freedom of choice. He lives like me. I am 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 am 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 who will live in relationship with me and 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 am never want to be my son's boss. If after school, he 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 not want him 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 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 it is difficult to explain because of the mind shift that we have to go through because we have always seen the wrath of God as the anger of God.

Let's just lay down the foundation from where we are going to study the scriptures.

This might sound very complicated but I had to write this down for myself to put in my notes so that I can always go back to this. This is going to sound very complicated but don't switch off. 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's based on the foundation that is not congruent with the absolute. A derivative of an absolute is an absolute expressed tangibly. A derivative of an absolute has to stand the test of congruent integration to be truly connected to the absolute.

What this means is 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 will see God, Who is love, in the mercy, otherwise it's 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.

**So 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 He functions 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. One example is in Genesis where Jacob was upset with his sons Simeon and Levi. Simeon and Levi are a good explanation, if you look at the types and shadows of it, of Law mixed with Grace. Levi, we know the Levites where it talks about those who basically did all the law things, the priests and those kinds of things, in the temple. It talks about the Levitical Law. Simeon was named Simeon because Leah said, "Jacob didn't love me but he loved Rachel and in this place where I had no love, God saw my place, the place where I had no love, and He blessed me and He was good to me even when I was rejected by my husband. God heard my cry and therefore I will call him Simeon because Simeon means to hear."

Levi talks about Levitical laws and basically the word, **Levi, means to be accepted because you have done something.** When Levi was born, there was a third son and then she said, "Because Rachel had no sons and I bore Jacob three sons, he shall now love me because I bore him three sons." this is talking about the Law. Because, "I've done three good things, now I'll be loved." He will be called Levi. These two sons did something and with this in mind, let's read this. (Genesis 49:5) This is Jacob blessing his sons telling them what they are going to inherit and all those kinds of things.

*"Simeon and Levi are brethren; weapons of violence are their swords."* This is now Jacob speaking and he says, "Simeon and Levi... these are very violent sons." So **Law mixed with Grace is very violent!**

*"Simeon and Levi are brothers, the seat and force of their secret design."* Verse 7: (Septuagint) *"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" So here Jacob comes and he 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 wrath is not willful. The meaning of the word willful there is, I got so upset so that now I am willfully going to be cruel to somebody because he doesn't want to obey me. That is what wrath, there, means.

Here we see it as a wrath that should be rejected and that caused them not to inherit. It says, *"I will cause them to be scattered in Israel."*

So that cannot be! When we look at the wrath of God, we cannot assign as a cruel, willful, killing of people, only having self prosperity in mind. When we start it off with God, we have 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.** We will go into it now and explain how the manifestation of that works today.

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. The wrath of the Law is this: it's 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 and then should you be adamant concerning 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 onto death.**

Should God have said to Adam and Eve, "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... and I don't know why we use the word, wrath, because it can be perceived as anger, but the Greek means, **His passionate reach.** But because of 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. Should the father 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 of "all that I have belongs to you". He wants to say, "What I have received from God is mine and I'll build my own life with these things." And he lost it all but the father remains at that place and never moves with him to that other legalistic place. **Seeing this in the New Testament, that you cannot find God in the commands of the Law toward you! He's not in there! He's in the, "I am so that you can be!"**

This can be very complicated but please bear with me. We will look at this in a practical example in the Bible in Romans 1:16. *"Though I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God onto salvation to everyone that believes. To the Jew first and also the Greek for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith for it is written, The just shall live by faith. 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.

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 it 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 have 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? Let me read verse 17 again. *"He's not ashamed of the Gospel because in the Gospel is the righteousness of God revealed. (Let me use another word for reveal --- manifested) manifested from faith to faith."* Let's keep this simple: **"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 talks about a manifestation here. Then it goes on and says in verse 18, **"For the wrath of God is manifested from heaven in all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."** The word, for, there is so important!

(I apologize for the complicated message but we need to get this into our hearts.)

Listen to this.. and I am going to recap and explain the concept of 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 only 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's read the verse again. Verse 17, *"For herein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live (shall have life manifested in them by sharing in God's persuasion, or faith. Verse 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 the next six verses and you will see how this unfolds.

*: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 and those who don't believe, that which must be known about God is manifested in them.

So what do we see in the life of a person who does not believe in God, who does not believe in grace, that believes in legalism, we see turmoil and strife and all those kind of things. So what do we learn about God in his life? We learn about God in his life, that, that system He believes in can never manifest life! It's not transcendent from God, meaning **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, and free from your labor and effort in 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. Then we see another group of people and we see that they want to live by their own doing and their own works and we see the result and we still see that man lives by his persuasion. What we learn about God is that man is a being that what He is persuaded of manifests in His life and this guy's 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.

**We thought the wrath of God, traditionally, is the wrath of God, that He will pour out on people in the last day, killing those who irritated Him.** But that is not it! God said from the beginning, that system of legalism shall kill you! So if God said that this will cause your death, He doesn't have to

put **23:27-31 (Afrikaans phrase)** If God said that legalism, and "you are by what you do", will kill you, guess what? It shall kill you! God does not 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 in Isaiah 45:7: God says, *"I give light and create darkness: I the Lord, God, do these things."* So how can God bring light and create darkness?

Then it goes on and it says, "I say to the skies, 'Rain down righteousness. And as the skies rained down righteousness, you reject My righteousness.' " So what it is, is 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 lights, 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 those who don't believe it, there's 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 that anger.** Amen!

Let's go on. Romans 1: 22-25 talks about people who rejected God. 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 and then they rejected Him and made four-footed animals and then they started to worship those animals and this is what then happened: *"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools; And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed forever."*

What it says here is: 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 says, "You shall not live by Me overruling you. You shall live by My influence upon your heart." So 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 said, "You shall live by faith," to say, "I'll make you My slave and I will force you to have good."

He was so passionate about this system that when Satan came and cleverly tricked man into slavery where they had no choice but to die, He came and destroyed that system.

At John's baptism, the Pharisees come to the baptism to see what is going on. In Matthew 3:10, John says the following, *"Who has warned you to flee from the wrath of God?"* He says, *"Behold, the ax is at the root at every tree: therefore every tree that does not bring forth good fruit, is chopped down and cast into the fire."* That was declaring the wrath of God. What is the wrath of God? An ax that is at the tree that cannot bear forth fruit. What is that tree? It's the fig tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, it's a tree of Levi, it's a legalistic tree system in which the Pharisees were standing thinking they were bearing fruit. He said 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 is chopping out the whole system of because you are a Jew or something. You are something because God made you something and 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 that there shall not be a system where My people are enslaved until you shall have death. There shall only be the system which is truly in the Godhead, in the Trinity, which I call the Trinitarian System, wherein the Father believes in the Son, the Son believes in the Father, Both believe in the Spirit, and from this wonderful congruent, cross pollination, if you want to call it, family system, there's a mutual birth and sharing in equality of life taken place which He made available for all people. Adam came and walked out of that system, enslaved millions of people and then God said, "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 have my life by legalism, God says, "I tell you that will kill you but this is life and I am passionately saying that in this system wherein you shall have life by My goodness towards you. And if you want to have life in anything 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 it reveals here. It says clearly in Romans verse 18: "*For the wrath of God is manifested from heaven in all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.*" So people hear the truth, reject it, don't want it, go and live another life and we see God's passion there. How is His passion manifested? "*For God also gave them up to uncleanness to the lust of their own heart*", meaning that they wanted to go there, and eventually God said, "If you want to go there, you can go there. My door is open. You can come back any time. I have not rejected you. I love you!"

And 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 having something that you think is good. If I forced 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! Should I contradict that, then, I mean, 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. 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, verses 4-6 "*Or despises you the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance. 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. Who will render to every man according to his deeds.*" I want to explain, "who will render according to your deeds", means. The Bible says that the wrath of God is to render to every man according to his deeds. It doesn't say, "to kill any man!" It's **to render to every man according to his deeds. That's the wrath of God.**

Now, let's read how He will: "*To them by patient continuance in well doing... (What is the well doing there? It is belief in Jesus. He who patiently believed in Christ, expecting Christ to bring forth glory and honor and immortality), they will see life.*" Those who did not do that and rejected Christ and said, "I shall live by the Law, and by my own will power and by the system of "I am by what I possess and have". What will they have? Destruction and indignation. **So the wrath of God is to allow people to have what they want. That's it!**

God cannot be seen as the God Who kills the people. That's wrong!

I have been struggling for years trying to get a God that is only good connected to a god that will just kill everybody in the last days. I was even thinking on my own family values. When we study anything, it should be unison with family value. I want to talk about my son, a grown up son.

When we think of God, we sometimes think of ourselves as a child but most of the time think of yourself as a full grown son who already has 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 in 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 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! It still makes sense. It still makes family sense but it makes no family sense to say, "Well, he must not have done something wrong and even when he's dying now, with Daddy's last breath, I will still **36:03-14 Afrikaans.**

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 the reflection of God's reality in us. And the life we have transcends from Him. We don't have a life outside of belief and persuasion and He 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's only One! He made us to be a being who shares in the self-existence that He possesses and the only way that we 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.

This verse is powerful: *"For the promise that he should be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith, for if they, which are of the Law, be made heirs, faith is made void and the promise is made of no effect. Because the Law works wrath for where there is no Law, 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. By that persuasion he saw the manifestation of that life in his life even in the times of his disobedience where he lied about Sarah and did things. 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 and you become persuaded of His goodness, you find His life, His peace. When you go through a hard time, you have peace. We see His life manifested in us.

So faith works or manifests to righteousness but the Law works or manifests everything but that life. When we are under the Law, what manifests in our life according to Romans 7: sins, destruction, despair, anger, the fruit of the flesh. Here, Paul calls it the wrath of God. *"But the Law manifests wrath for where no Law is, there is no transgression and where Law is, is transgression."* So here we see the passion of God towards the system where you live by faith and where you are persuaded and you are born from where you believe. Here we see it very clearly.

**So the wrath of God is seen in the lives of people through the fruit of the flesh and 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 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-lived, co-spirited with Him.** I hope you understand what I am saying.

If I come and I continue to 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 everything and I find all of that, I don't read it as God's anger toward me. I read it as God's passion for the original plan wherein 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. **He will never be part of it!** Glory to God! Amen!

Listen to this. This is so powerful! Ephesians 2 and 1 Thessalonians 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."* Here he comes and 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, He said, "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's 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 works were 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 here that when you were without God, 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 and the end of that



wrath is for the people who have 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! This is a God ... when you look at the Internet, you find a doctrine going around saying that all people shall be saved and all those kinds of things. It doesn't matter how good it sounds, it's not congruent with original design. It's not in line with His 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 He really is.

I remember when I was in school, (I can't name names because some of my friends who were with me in school might watch this), this one girl's father believed that they would sleep with just any guy. So what he would do is, when we had a dance at the school, his daughters weren't allowed to come. He would drive from a neighboring town, come to the school and be outside among the bushes there with a flashlight catching all the teenagers who **Afrikaans 45:30**. Is that the love of a father? Is that a father, really loving his daughter wherein you say, "I wish and pray for a father that would be like that to me all my life." No, you'd say the guy is crazy! Then he would go and preach to the school that their security is not good enough and whatever and say, "That's why my kids can't come here."

But, I went there **Afrikaans 46:20** (Some of you wanted to say that so I read your minds and said it.) In the very same way, if God is portrayed as this father that shall force you into his house, He contradicted His very existence. His wrath is revealed here, clearly. Here it says, and I hope this flies at home, for it says in 1 Thessalonians 2:14, "*For you brethren, became followers of the churches of God which is in Judaea and that are in Christ Jesus: you also have suffered like things of your own countrymen even as they have of the Jews.*" So, it says here that just as the churches in Judaea were persecuted for believing the truth, you were also persecuted. And then it talks about these Jews. Verses 15-16: "*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. Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always, for the wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.*"

So, listen, these people were in such rebellion against God in the presence of Jesus Who 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 wanted, which is the wrath of God, to the point that they are forbidding people to preach to the Gentiles, for the Gentiles might be saved. The wrath of God was manifested. We can see the wrath of God.

We can see the free will 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 there is such rejection that they are saying, "Let's not preach the gospel to the Gentiles, for they hated Gentiles so much, lest a Gentile be saved." What it actually was saying is, let the Gentiles go to hell. In the old South African it would have been, we hate the Blacks so much, let's not preach the gospel to them so that they might go to hell. If a person can do that from the depth of his heart, and so rejected the relentless tenderness of God, which is still active toward him, that death can manifest in him.

I want to say this in closing. Should this happen to a person, it doesn't 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 does not exist, is not congruent, with the love of God. It's like me and my son. 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 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 you have a good business idea for your child and he doesn't want to do it and then he becomes rebellious and now he rejects it. Then you come with another idea and he rejects that one, and you come with another one and he rejects that one. Now you can eventually see, that in that rejection, utter destruction has come to him for he has come 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 who lives by faith and persuasion, and love, and mutual influence, called grace.

Know this, that **God will never, ever, ever, dishonor His original plan**. Should He do that, He will deny Himself to the point He will deny the truth in Himself, He'll partner with Satan and the ministrations of death will conquer God. He cannot deny your design. I've said this many times in church and I want to say it again: They came to Jesus and they said to Jesus, "Jesus, shall we pay



taxes to Caesar?" They wanted to catch Him with their sly craftiness by bringing in politics into religion. And Jesus said, "Give Me the money you pay the taxes with." They gave Him a denari. He said, "Whose image is inscribed in this coin?" He said, "Caesar's." The He said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar 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 the 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's 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. He doesn't say, **those**, He says, **that**. What was lost? **What got lost in Adam? Free will! Free will got lost, the system that 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. And Jesus came and He seeked and He already saved that system, brought it back to its original place, and now we stand again where Adam stood long before the fall, in union with God wherein 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 brings death. That is the wrath of God.**

I hope it makes sense. I've tried my best. Let's pray:

Father, I want to thank You for this awesome revelation. As I've been walking with this the last past years, I knew the day would come when I would preach on this and 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 where the contrary system wants 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 Who 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!

So, 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 and we want to honor You today for Your greatness and Your awesomeness. Thank You for Your beautiful passion that You have. You never partner with Adam in that death.

Thank You for Your wrath of God! It is beautiful to us. It is beautiful to me. My God, You always treat us as equal 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!

I said to Helena that when I prepare, my passion is about the service. I want to minister to people. It is great that I can just share my life with you and what God has put in my heart.