

JESUS, THE OTHER SIDE OF GOD!

“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things” (Isaiah 45:7). There is another side of God which the Bible clearly talks about but the preachers of today won’t touch with a 10 foot pole. “Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?” (Lamentations 3:38). When did you ever hear that scripture preached in your church? Or, how about, “I have created the waster to destroy,” (Isaiah 54:16).

This Bible study came about because a man once said to us, “the Bible is confusing. After you read the Old Testament and then the New Testament, how can this be the same God?” Well, it is the same God because the Bible says that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). The Bible also says that “I am the LORD, I change not”, (Malachi 3:6). The same Jesus who is called the God of war in the Old Testament (Exodus 15:3), who fought battles, crushed the Jews enemies and then severely punished the Jews when they rebelled, is the same Jesus who will very soon now plunge the world into Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21). That is the reason why the Book of Revelation was written; to reveal the righteous judgment and wrath of God (Romans 2:5). That is also the reason why the words *love* or *loved* are only mentioned 3 times in the entire 22 chapters of this book. “God is greatly to be feared”, the Bible says (Psalm 89:7). But, as in Noah’s day, “today there is no fear (Romans 3:18).

This 2 part Bible study was written to compare Jehovah’s wrath of the Old Testament, to Jesus’ wrath in the coming “Day of the Lord” in the New Testament. Most people today dwell on the love of God, and say “Jesus loves you” while they continue to sin and trample the Lord’s blood under foot. But after you have read this Bible study, you will know about the other side of God!

PART I

The Wrath of God – Old Testament (Psalm 50:22)

- 1) When the Lord saw that the whole world was corrupt and full of violence, he told Noah to build an Ark to save himself and his family. After 120 years, the Ark was completed and the Lord made it rain for 40 days and nights until everyone was destroyed, including all the children (Genesis 6:1-13, 7:10-12, 23). Where was the Lord’s love then?
- 2) When the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah reached their peak, the Lord sent two of his angels to evacuate Lot and his family from out of Sodom. When they were safely out of the city, the Lord sent fire and brimstone and destroyed everyone in that whole region including the children and Lot’s wife for looking back. (Genesis 18:20-21, 19:1-26). Where was the Lord’s love then?
- 3) The Lord purposely hardened Pharaoh’s heart repeatedly so he could destroy Egypt for their mistreatment of the Jews (Exodus 4:21, 9:12, 10:1, 20, 14:8) including the killing of all the first born in each family (Exodus 12:12, 29). Where was the Lord’s love then?
- 4) After the Jews left Egypt, they rebelled against the Lord repeatedly in the wilderness. The Lord made them wander for 40 years until all of the men 20 years and older, except for Joshua and Caleb, died and did not see the Promised Land (Numbers 32:11-13). Where was the Lord’s love then?
- 5) When Nadab and Abihu, the two sons of Aaron who was the Lord’s first High Priest, disobeyed and offered strange incense on the Lord’s altar (Exodus 30:9), fire came from the Lord and killed them both (Leviticus 10:1-2). Where was the Lord’s love then?
- 6) When Korah and 250 princes of the Jews contested the leadership of Moses and Aaron, the Lord made the ground open up and swallow them all including all their goods (Numbers 16:1-3, 31-35). Where was the Lord’s love then?

- 7) On the next day, when all the people murmured against Moses and Aaron for killing Korah and the 250 princes, the Lord sent a plague and killed an additional 14,700 people (Numbers 16:41-49). Where was the Lord's love then?
- 8) When the Jews complained again against the Lord and Moses about the lack of bread and water in the wilderness, the Lord sent fiery serpents to bite and kill many of them (Numbers 21:5-6). Where was the Lord's love then?
- 9) When Israel committed whoredom with the daughters of Moab and worshipped other gods, the Lord told Moses to take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord (Numbers 25:1-5). Where was the Lord's love then?
- 10) When the Lord's anger was kindled against the Amalekites, the Lord sent King Saul to utterly destroy the city and everyone in it including the little children, unborn babies and all the animals. But, when King Saul disobeyed and did not kill Agag the king or the best of the animals, the Lord took His Spirit away from Saul, gave it to David, and sent an evil spirit to torment him (Saul). (1 Samuel 15:1-11, 16:13-14). Where was the Lord's love then?
- 11) When the Lord's anger was kindled against the Jews for all their rebellion and sin, the Lord allowed King David to disobey Him and number the people. As a result, the Lord sent a pestilence that killed 70,000 people (2Samuel 24:1-15). Where was the Lord's love then?
- 12) When Elisha the prophet was on his way to Bethel, some children from the city came out and began to mock him, saying "Bald head, Bald head"! The Lord became angry and sent two she bears to kill 42 children (2Kings 2:22-24). Where was the Lord's love then?
- 13) When the Assyrians invaded Judah and came against King Hezekiah and Jerusalem, the Lord by himself during the night killed 185,000 of their soldiers and also had the Assyrian king killed by his own son (2Kings 18:13-17, 19:32-37). Where was the Lord's love then?
- 14) When the rebellion of the Jews had reached its peak, the Lord sent Nebuzaradan of Babylon to lay siege to Jerusalem. The famine in the city became so great that the children and the little babies swooned or collapsed in the streets (Lamentations 2:11). The young men and virgins were killed with the sword (Lamentations 2:21). The famine was so great that the people's skin turned black (Lamentations 4:8, 5:10). And out of desperation, the women even cooked and ate their own children (Lamentations 2:20, 4:10)! Where was the Lord's love then?
- 15) After Babylon was used by the Lord to punish the Jews for all their wickedness, the Lord was looking forward to destroying Babylon and dashing her little children against the rocks (Psalm 137:8-9). Where was the Lord's love then?

These 15 examples are just a small sampling of God's wrath in the Old Testament. But, in the New Testament the worst is yet to come!

PART II

The Day of the Lord – New Testament (Revelation 6:15-17)

- 1) The Day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night. When they are saying "Peace and safety" sudden destruction shall come with no way of escape.... (1Thessalonians 5:2-3).
- 2) Woe unto you who desire the Day of the Lord! It is darkness and not light. Even very dark with no escape at all.... (Amos 5:18-20).

- 3) Enter into the rocks and hide in the dust for fear of the Lord. For the Day of the Lord is against everyone that is proud and lofty and the Lord alone shall be exalted.... (Isaiah 2:10-12).
- 4) The Day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen. As you have done, it shall be done unto you.... (Obadiah 15).
- 5) Proclaim this among the Gentiles, prepare for war and wake up the mighty men for the Day of the Lord is at hand. Come and assemble yourselves.... (Joel 3:9-16).
- 6) Behold, the Day of the Lord cometh! I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle. Two thirds of all the Jews will be cut off and killed (Zechariah 13:8). Then, the Lord shall come with all His saints to fight.... (Zechariah 14:1-5, 12).
- 7) I will call for a sword against all the people of the earth. The Lord shall soar from on high. A great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth and the slain of the Lord, shall at that Day, be from one end of the earth to the other.... (Jeremiah 25:29-33).
- 8) In the Day of His wrath, the Lord shall strike through kings and he shall fill the places with dead bodies.... (Psalm 110:5-6).
- 9) It is the Day of the Lord's vengeance. The Lord's sword shall be bathed in Heaven and filled with blood. His indignation is against all the nations and their armies and the host of Heaven shall be dissolved.... (Isaiah 34:1-8).
- 10) The great Day of the Lord is near. The mighty man shall cry bitterly. A day of wrath, trouble, distress, wasteness, desolation, and thick darkness. The whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy.... (Zephaniah 1:14-18).
- 11) Who may abide the Day of his coming, who can stand when he appears? He is like a refiner's fire.... (Malachi 3:2).
- 12) Behold the Day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the wicked shall be stubble.... (Malachi 4:1).
- 13) Sound an alarm in my Holy Mountain: let all the people tremble, for the Day of the Lord cometh. A time of darkness and gloom! The earth shall quake and the sun and the moon shall be dark.... (Joel 2:1-11).
- 14) Howl ye, for the Day of the Lord is at hand. Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger. I will punish the world for their evil. The earth shall be removed out of her place.... (Isaiah 13:6-13).
- 15) Don't be troubled or shaken for the Day of Christ is not at hand yet. First must come a falling away from the faith (this has already happened). Then, the rapture will take place (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). Then the antichrist will be revealed, whom the Lord will destroy with the brightness of his coming (2 Thessalonians 2:1-8). He and the false prophet will be taken and thrown alive into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20). Then all of his armies (literally 100's of millions) will be shredded so that their blood will form a river about 4' deep and running for roughly 180 miles. (Revelation 14:20) Then, the Lord will command that their dead bodies will be eaten by all the fowls of the air (Revelation 19:17-18, 21).
- 16) The Day of the Lord cometh as a thief, the heavens shall be dissolved and the earth shall melt with fervent heat.... (2 Peter 3:10-12).

Yes, there is another side of God. The Fathers love, that sent Jesus to die for our sins (John3:16), has been trampled into the ground. Now the world is dealing with and will deal with the wrath of God

(Isaiah 42:13-14). This same Jesus who hung on a cross, so bloodied and beaten you couldn't even tell it was a man hanging there (Isaiah 52:14, Psalm 22:14-17) to pay the price for our sins, is the same Jesus who also has the keys of hell and death (Revelation 1:18). That is why Jesus said "fear not man who can only kill the body, but fear me who can kill your body and send you to hell forever" (Matthew 10:28). And not only will the Lord send you to hell, if you don't repent (Luke 13:3, 5), but he will laugh when he's doing it! (Psalm 2:1-4, 37:13, 59:8) (Proverbs 1:26).

The Great Tribulation is coming. "a time never seen before or will ever be seen again," Jesus said (Matthew 24:21). The Bible says when the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are loosed at the beginning of the Great Tribulation, they will go out to kill ¼ of the world's population (roughly 1.7 billion) and these people will all be sent to hell (Revelation 6:8). Hell will actually enlarge itself to take in all these people (Isaiah 5:14). Jesus also said "Unless I shorten those days, no one would be left alive (Matthew 24:22).

You won't find this material preached in the churches today, but as the scripture says, "Because of the terror of the Lord we persuade men (2 Corinthians 5:11). For our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29).

Jesus Christ can either be your best friend or your worst enemy. The Bible says "The soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:20). If you call upon the Lord out of a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:22), the Lord's blood that was shed on the cross will completely cover your sins. That's where God's love was shown (John 15:13). Accept God's love and live, reject it and die. The choice is yours!

Amen!
(Nahum 1:2-6)