

"For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell." Deut. 32:22.

"And when the Lord saw it, he abhorred them, because of the persecuting* of his sons, and of his daughters. I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs. For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them...Rejoice with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants." Deut. 32:19-43.

**(Provoking, or despising and persecuting, [S-3707], trouble, grieve, sorrow, vex).*

Scripture suggests two great points or concurrent themes regarding the fate of the reprobates – i.e., the non-elect: 1) that God has repeatedly sworn to wreak horrific, eternal vengeance upon the great mass of mankind; and, 2) such divine vengeance is due in major part to mankind's maltreatment of His elect for preaching God's eternal truth to them. Beginning with Able preaching to Cain God's sovereignty and predestination and nevertheless man's responsibility: *"Sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him."* Gen. 4:7-8. The non-elect (reprobates) are all Cain's seed; the elect are all Abel's seed; and Cain's seed from the beginning of the world are forever "talking" (translate: cussing, slandering, threatening, etc.) to Abel's seed because they don't like what Abel's seed are preaching to them. Then Cain murders Abel, and God says words to Cain, sounding eternally in Cain's and all reprobate ears: *"What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand."* This arch-typical murder was c. 4000 B.C.

But in a very real and true sense, all of human history – 6000 years, from 4000 B.C. to now – has been nothing but myriads of replays of the Cain & Abel drama. Remember, the same Devil (Satan) has been the producer of each play: *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* Jn. 8:44.

Those now persecuting WBC from city to city, do guarantee God's vengeance upon themselves for all the righteous blood shed upon earth from the foundation of the world.

Christ here announces the law of eternal and corporate retribution that governs the Kingdom of God in the world that is to come. At your everlasting peril you scoff at it and ignore it:

To wit: Lk. 11:49-51: *"Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias."* It is no coincidence, that Christ condemns the lawyers immediately after announcing the eternal law of God; to wit: *"Woe unto you, lawyers!"* Lk. 11:52. It may not suit the notions of human law and lawyers to punish millions or billions of non-elect reprobates for shedding the blood of Abel and all other victims of persecution – even though from outward appearances they had nothing to do with said murders and persecutions. But by persecuting WBC in 2000 A.D., they joined in heart and hand with Cain who slew Able in 4000 B.C. – all one of a piece. And, whether it suits your notion of what's fair and what's unfair – thus God Almighty declares the law to be. And, thus it shall be. And, you will be judged and condemned by God's law and God's notion of fairness – not your own perverted notions. That's what's the matter with you now. You will drink God's cup of wrath to the last bitter dregs. You will learn the lesson: *"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"* Rom. 9:20. Glory to His Name.

Matthew's account adds a few details: Matt. 23:33-35: *"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall...persecute from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias."*

Here is the seminal verse announcing God's vengeance on persecutors of His people:

Deut. 32:35: *"To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. For the Lord shall avenge (by formal adjudication) his people."* Amen.

"Everlasting Punishment"

***"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels...And these shall go away into everlasting punishment."* Mat. 25:41,46.**

Isaac Watts: From his Discourse upon – and titled – the "Eternity of the Punishments of Hell": "Were I to pursue my inquiries into this doctrine only by the aids of the light of nature and reason, I fear my natural tenderness might warp me aside from the rules and the demands of strict justice, and the wise and holy government of the great God. But as I confine myself almost entirely to the revelation of Scripture in all my searches into the things of revealed religion and Christianity, I am constrained to forget or to lay aside that softness and tenderness of animal nature which might lead me astray, and to follow the unerring dictates of the Word of God.

"The Scripture frequently, and in the plainest and strongest manner, asserts the everlasting punishment of sinners in Hell; and that by all the methods of expression which are used in Scripture to signify an everlasting continuance. God's utter hatred and aversion to sin, in this perpetual punishment of it, are manifested many ways: 1) By the just and severe threatenings of the wise and righteous Governor of the world, which are scattered up and down in His Word; 2) By the veracity of God in His intimations or narratives of past events, (Jude 7: Sodom and Gomorrah suffering the vengeance of eternal fire); 3) By His express predictions, (Mat. 25:46: These shall go away into everlasting punishment); 2 Thes. 1:9: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction); And I might add

"4) By the veracity and truth of all His holy prophets and apostles, and His Son Jesus Christ at the head of them. These He has sent to acquaint mankind with the rules of their duty, and the certain judgment of God in a holy correspondence therewith, and that in words which admit of no way of escape, or of hope for the condemned criminals."

To these four by Isaac Watts, we would add a 5th, to wit: The original sin of Adam which is imputed by the law of God to all non-elect (reprobate) mankind – just as the blood of Abel shed by Cain – and all righteous blood shed by all reprobates since the world began – is imputed by the holy law of God to all the non-elect. To-wit:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...even over them that had not sinned after

the similitude of Adam's transgression (i.e., personally, deliberately, with full knowledge)." Rom. 5:12-14.

Only the tiny remnant called God's Elect will escape imputation of Adam's and Cain's sin, and only they will enjoy the imputation of Christ's righteousness.

Rom. 4:6-8: *"Even as David describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."* Hence it is, conversely, that the non-elect go to Hell for their own sins, for Adam's and his posterity's sins, and for Cain's and his posterity's sins. For ever.

These are high and holy mysteries, reserved to the understanding of the Elect only.

Lk. 12:32: *"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."* Matt. 13:11: *"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."*

Isaac Watts: "I must confess here, that if it were possible for the great and blessed God any other way to vindicate His own eternal and unchangeable hatred of sin, the inflexible justice of His government, the wisdom of His severe threatenings, and the veracity of His predictions; if it were also possible for Him, without this terrible execution (Hell) to vindicate the veracity, sincerity, and wisdom of the prophets and apostles, and Jesus Christ, His Son, the greatest and chiefest of His divine messengers; and then, if the blessed God should at any time, consistent with His glorious and incomprehensible perfections, release those wretched creatures from their acute pains, and long imprisonment in Hell, either with a design of the utter destruction of their beings by annihilation, or to put them into some unknown world, upon a new foot of trial, I think I ought cheerfully and joyfully to accept of this appointment of God, for the good of millions of my fellow creatures, and add my joys and praises to all the songs and triumphs of the heavenly world in the day of such a divine and glorious release of these prisoners.

"But I feel myself under a necessity of confessing that I am utterly unable to solve these difficulties according to the discoveries of the New Testament, which must be my constant rule of faith, and hope, and expectation with regard to myself and others. I have read the strongest and best writers on the other side, yet after all my studies I have not been able to find any way how these difficulties may be removed, and how the divine perfections and the conduct of God in His Word may be fairly vindicated without the establishment of this doctrine, as awful and formidable as it is."

"I am constrained therefore to leave these unhappy creatures under the chains of everlasting darkness, into which they have cast themselves by their willful iniquities."

Here's why they hate and persecute Westboro Baptist Church:

“And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.” Gen. 4:8.

“And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.” 1 Jn. 3:12.

John Owen: “As Esau knew that Jacob had gotten the blessing, which made him resolve to kill him; so Cain knew that Abel and his offering were accepted with God, whereon he slew him.

“And here we have the prototype of the believing and malignant churches in all ages; – of them who, under the profession of religion, are ‘born after the flesh’ only. Then that began which the apostle affirms still to continue: ‘He that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit; even so it is now,’ Gal. 4:29. This was the first public, visible acting of the enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent; for ‘Cain was of the wicked one’ (the seed of the serpent), ‘and slew his brother,’ 1 John 3:12. And it being the first instance, and consequently the pattern and example of the two seeds in all ages.”

That's why they hate and persecute WBC. They're Cainites. They're of their father the Devil; and the lusts of their father they will do; to-wit: Murder Abel (i.e., WBC). See, Jn. 8:44: “He was a murderer from the beginning.”

“That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel (4000 B.C.) unto the blood of Zacharias (850 B.C.)...Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.” Mat. 23:35, 36.