

THE VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD (Part 2)

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WELCOME

Greetings in the name of Jesus! What a blessing to have you in our Web Church today. Our Web Church vision is to see people established in the Grace of God. That is basically it. From there we can see people have a personal relationship with God wherein they can share in the life of God.

I would like to welcome everybody who are first time visitors to our internet Church. It's wonderful for me to know that you are watching this Live Stream and that you can partake in the benefits that we have in an Internet Church. Sometimes people get mistaken thinking that we have an internet church and we just call our Live Webcast an Internet Church. There are thousands of churches all over the world that have a Live webcast but that doesn't make it an Internet Church. An Internet Church, and this is what we offer and what we bring, it is a Web based Church where we have cell groups, pastoral care where counseling can take place where people can minister to one another, where they can fellowship on a regular basis with each other by looking at our Facebook pages, and those kind of things and by praying for each other. There are a lot of things, just go to Dynamicministries.com and look at our Web Fellowship and see what we are all about. What a blessing to have this Service and serve you with the Gospel of Grace!

Father, thank You so much that we can be together. Thank You, Father, for the opportunity to preach Your gospel to the people all over the world and just to see Your life manifest inside people. What a blessing! Amen!

COMMUNION

As our custom is, we have Communion on Sundays. The reason why we have Communion is simply because we want to meditate, think upon and ponder and just have our hearts revolve around what Christ has done for us. Today, one of my friends was doing the Communion in one of our morning Service in Malmesbury and he he talked about the veil that was hanging between the holy place and the most holy place. He said that when the veil was torn, which is the body of Christ which also talks about man, that He represented the old man, was torn and the way was opened through the flesh of Christ. So when we take this bread and we break it, we are saying, "The the old man has died." The old man has died and the death and the shedding of that blood talks about a new covenant. So we are sitting in a brand new testament. A testament is where there is a testimony and where there is a word about us. So we sit with this testament where in whatever we have inherited in Christ is written down which is immortality, holiness, righteousness, peace, joy, and the fruit of God manifesting in us all for free! We are now partakers of eternal life which is based on the very doing of God and not ours.

As a Fellowship, I would like you to do two things as we take this Communion. Church, I want you to think about what Christ has done but I also want you to think about the end of division between us and God and between people. Also, a vision that I have is to see people gather in groups in the Live Webcast where they can have the dynamics of ministering to one another at houses.

If you gather as a family, if you gather with friends, use this opportunity to serve each other. Break this bread, give it to your friend do it vise versa, pray for one another, minister to one another in this time of Communion.

Father, I want to thank You so much for the bread and as people think about how the body of Christ was broken and how the old man was broken and died and also minister to one another. I think as we do that we experience Your resurrection power and thank You for the peace that it brings, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen

Church, let us just enjoy the Communion together.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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Today we are continuing to talk about and discuss the vengeance of our God. We are going to base our teaching on two scriptures, one from the fourth chapter of Malachi and one from verses in John 10. It is very important to understand the vengeance of God or the anger of God if you want to call it that. I'd rather use the word vengeance in a correct way because if we don't understand it correctly we can bring a lot of pain and hurt and discomfort to our lives. We can also find that we don't have peace in the presence of God. We can have this underlying fear about the return of Christ where the return of Christ and the end of all days is a joyful event! It's a wonderful thing where we find that the Lord comes back and we will be with Him. So this is a happy day! It's not a sad day. It's a blessed, happy time! It's not a time of an outpouring of God's discontentment with man.

We are going to look at incidences in the time of Jesus where we could clearly see the outpouring of the wrath of God. Wrath is not the right word.... just the vengeance of God. I use wrath and I use anger because in our minds we find it is all the same thing.

Let us look at Jesus. Jesus was loving. He was caring, He was always showing the love of God and yet His walk on the earth was an outpouring of the vengeance of God. It was a day that consumes. It was a day that burns things up. It was destruction and yet when we look at the vengeance of God there are two sides to that or let me put it this way: it can bring two kinds of experience to a person's life. It can either be a joyful thing or it can be something where you feel, "I am just losing everything and my life is being destroyed." We are going to look at that and we will explain that through Scripture. There are many scriptures that talk about the vengeance of God and the anger of God and those kind of things and many times it brings a wrong understanding about who the Father is.

If you remember, last Sunday I was talking about the vengeance of God and what I said was, "God takes vengeance on blindness." What that means is that mankind was blind. Mankind walked in blindness towards who the Father was, what the Father does, and who the Son is. They walk in complete blindness as pertaining to sonship, as pertaining to the new birth, as pertaining to the love of God, the kindness, the original plan that God had with man.

They had complete and utter blindness and God declared vengeance on that and the way in which His vengeance was manifested towards blindness was by revelation where He came and He revealed Christ to us. He revealed the life of God to us. He came and revealed who He was.

Now if we walk in a wrong understanding of something and our whole life is based on that and we come and we reveal the truth, what the truth does is it exposes the lie and it destroys the whole lie. Truth destroys the lie. That is just simply how it is. Like in many countries, where people were slaves, and slavery was ended but people still lived in slavery. You would find somebody come and then tell the truth to the free people that used to be in slavery, and then you would find the whole slavery system collapses on that farm. The farm collapses. They cannot function anymore. The whole economy of it is destroyed because of the truth. The truth revealed brings an end to that which is bad.

So when we look at the vengeance of God, it is in the very same light. If we take vengeance on slavery what do we want to do? We want to bring forth a change of law which declares it as illegal where then people don't have to be slaves, where you cannot sell yourself as a slave. It is not possible. So in the very same way, when Jesus came and He manifested Himself as a friend of sinners, we find that all of a sudden the concept of an angry God is burned up and destroyed. That is it! Those who were preaching an angry God, preaching as God being angry toward certain folks, all of a sudden you find that they are exposed as liars or that they were caught up in the lie or deceived.

As people believe the truth they run away from those who were preaching the lie and then those ministries would suffer. A good example of that is if you go into a church where tithing is preached really hard and you find that tithing or what I call the Umbrella Message of if you don't submit to a certain man of God then you will not be blessed, or something like that, or the whole System Gospel thing. If you go to a church like that and you go and preach that Jesus is the tithe and that tithing is not about money and that God is not chasing after your money and that God has already prospered you with maximum prosperity in Christ, and that He will give you all things for free, if you go and teach the truth about sowing and reaping and what the Bible actually says about that, what the Bible actually says about the tithe, you will find some people who have already heard the voice of the Shepherd, who belong to freedom, they will want to follow you. They would want to leave that church or they would want to go and say, "But, Pastor, what about this and what about that?" It would be turmoil!

You would find that a person can come and minister in a church like that, preach and it is experienced by the people who don't want to hear the truth as, "You are destroying me! You are burning up all my work! You are destroying me! You are ending all my hard work and you are leading people away! You are causing division!" That is the context that we are going to look at. That will be the approach to the grace of our God in the area of the vengeance of our God.

Let's start off by going to Matthew 3. and then Malachi 4.

Matthew 3: 12 This is about John the Baptist and him is speaking about the cleaning of the threshing floor of the Lord.

Let's also read that account in **Malachi 4:**

1 For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But unto you that fear my name this Sun (this fire) of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

3 And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts.

And then he goes on and talks about this day:

4 Remember you the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

What he is saying here is that there will be a great dreadful day of the Lord. Just before this day he is going to send a prophet, Elijah. When this was written, Elijah was already dead. So they were expecting the Prophet Elijah to come. I think they thought he went up into heaven and now he is going to come down and Elijah is just going to manifest himself. Later Jesus comes and He says that John the Baptist is Elijah. He came and this Elijah prophesied about the complete destruction, the utter destruction of the old system. He came and prophesied and spoke about this SUN of fire of righteousness that will burn and bring forth healing. There will be healing in the wings or in the flames of its fire. There will be healing.

Here it says, in verse 1: ***For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven;*** (It talks about a fire, a burning. It burns like an oven, a very hot fire and what will be burned up? all the proud will be burned up.)

and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: (In other words, they are likened as stubble. God will come, there will be a day wherein there is great fire and the proud will be the stubble, the wicked will be the stubble)

and the day that comes shall burn them up, (It says that's why I will burn them up. We will go and see what that burning up is because we clearly know that Jesus did not come down with a physical fire, this is nowhere recorded, and burned people. That is not it! So it has to be something else. We need to interpret this fire. We need to interpret this thing.)

Verse 2 And unto you that fear my name, this fire of righteousness will bring you healing.

So the very same fire to the one it spells destruction and to the other one it spells healing. Now remember what was said last Sunday: The vengeance of God is when God takes vengeance against blindness. It is when God takes vengeance against man finding his righteousness by his own works. Where God takes vengeance against man being slaves. He takes vengeance against all of that by setting them free, by bringing them to a place where their identity is not in what they do, or how rich or poor they are, but where their identity is flooded in Jesus, where their identity is flooded in the fact that a human being is co-seated with God in the Godhead, in the Trinity and that is where man belongs! Where God takes vengeance against this system of, "We will try and get something from God by our good works or qualify, and writing off all our debt where He doesn't treat us based on our own works, or based on works, where He doesn't keep any trespass against us and where He actually takes away and fulfills the whole law. That is the vengeance of God.

Now you might say, "But that's good news!" It's very good news but it's not good news for a person who finds his livelihood, his life, in spreading the message that God blesses you when you do something for Him. It is not good news, it is not life giving, for those who want to condemn and control. It's not good news for people that want to make people slaves in their churches so that they can serve them. It's not good news for people who teach that you need to bomb yourself and kill yourself in order to get a place in heaven. It's not good news if you tell him that a place has already been prepared for you already. It's not good news. A message like that can actually cause the complete and utter destruction of a system.

That's why we don't want to be trapped in any system or have a ministry built, let me talk church language here now, we don't want a ministry built on law based things because it shall burn away. It shall be utterly destroyed by Jesus revealing the Truth! That is "this day of vengeance." that is talked about here. Let us read the very same account or the fulfillment of this in Matthew.

Matthew 3:

:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

:10 And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

That is such beautiful good news! What it says here is John the Baptist comes and he addresses a certain system. What he does is he addresses the Jewish system wherein people find their identity in being physical descendants of Abraham, Jews. They feel that, "Because we are Israelites, we are the special people of God." What he says here is, "That means nothing!" He says, "Why are you so happy to be a Jew? Why are you so happy to be an Israelite? That means nothing! God can, of these stones, raise up children unto Abraham." There's much more depth in that as well but what he was also actually saying to them was, "You can actually still become the children of Abraham, you are not." He said that to the physical descendants of Abraham that they are not the descendant of Abraham but that they can become the descendants of Abraham. I don't want to go into detail on what he was saying there when He said, "Of these stones He can raise up children unto Abraham.

It goes on and it says, ***10 And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which brings not forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.*** He says to them, "Because God can bring forth children of Abraham, every tree, every system, that cannot bring forth good fruit will be destroyed." What He is saying is, "Listen, you find you think you can bear forth good fruit because you are the children of Abraham and because you follow the Jewish customs, let Me tell you something. If that system cannot produce immortality and eternal life inside you, it will be destroyed by God. It will be destroyed by God and taken out of the way for God wants you to have life! God wants you to live. God wants you to be in the abundance of who He is. That's what He wants and He is going to destroy that whole system and bring forth something that can actually bring forth life!

Let me use this as an example: If you go to the doctor and they give you medicine for cancer and they help you with this and help you with that. You find a lot of people dying and here and there you might see some healing. And after a healing, some people still have to continue to go back every six months because there is no surety that they will be completely healed. All of a sudden a doctor comes to town and every cancer patient he treats gets perfectly healed. Do you know what is going to happen with the other doctor who treats cancer and specializes in cancer? He is going to go bankrupt. He is going to be utterly destroyed by this new wisdom that the other doctor, who can cure has, by the knowledge that he has.

So this new spirit that he comes with, he maybe doesn't come with a spirit of the traditional medical way of curing cancer. He comes with a different spirit, a different approach which works one hundred percent. So what will that do to the other system? If somebody comes and pours out the knowledge that, and I'm not saying that this cures cancer, I'm just saying, for an example, that by eating three mangoes a day you can be completely cured from cancer. When that knowledge is all of a sudden available and made available for free for all people all over the world, do you know what an utter destruction that would bring to the medical world? It would destroy the medical world! It would be burned up with an unquenchable fire. An unquenchable fire means you will not be able to stop the effect of that because it means that this truth has now been revealed. It is too late. It's water under the bridge. You can do nothing about it. The secret has been revealed. Three mangoes a day... that's all you need and you will be perfectly cured from cancer and you will never have cancer. If that was the truth, the medical way of doing things can still survive as long as people don't know it. But if that spirit of truth comes and it is revealed, it will baptize every other system with an unquenchable fire, an unquenchable destruction which would cause it to be completely destroyed.

One more example and then we can move on. It's like we have these cassettes, let's call them tapes. It is cassettes that you play music on. Once the CD came out, people were still listening to it a bit but then the revelation or the knowledge of the CD or the USB port, that truth that came forth was an unquenchable fire to the whole tape industry. That's it. If people wanted to continue to make tapes they would go bankrupt. They would be utterly destroyed. The only thing they would have to do is now to start to believe in the CD. If they believe in the CD then they can manufacture CDs and continue in business but if they don't want to, it will be an utter destruction. This is what John the Baptist tried to say here. Let's read it again:

Matthew 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

So what we see here is that John the Baptist said, "Listen, I have the authority to tell you to repent. You are in a system where you cannot produce fruit. Wait for the Christ." because if people could be convinced and say, "Well, I've tried by the law. I've tried by being a Jew. I've tried by claiming that I am a child of Abraham. I've tried by all of that to have good fruit and I find that I don't have any good fruit so I repent of thinking that I am something special by the works. I am just a sinner. I wait for the Messiah to come to redeem me from this." If people could repent of that it would be wonderful!

Now, John the Baptist didn't have the authority to bring forth the fire. He didn't have that revelation but Christ came and He came and revealed the love of God for people. He came and revealed the truth about God's heart towards sinners. He also came and revealed that it is not a Jew and Gentile thing but a "God loves people" thing. He also came and revealed that we are His people. ALL people are His people! That is what He came to reveal!

What does that do to the system that talks about separatism, that talks about Jew/Gentile. It destroys it! The thing is that it might take some time for a fire to utterly consume something but the thing about this fire of grace is its unquenchable. The fire of God's love is unquenchable! You cannot quench it. It shall thoroughly purge and cleanse and burn away all of the old system. Practically, we can put it this way by getting back to something we have known. Maybe you don't come out of the Charismatic Pentecostal Church System so as I use some of these examples they might not pertain to you but let's get back to the financial thing again which people understand very well. The teaching of "You must tithe to be blessed", shall be utterly destroyed by the fire of God's grace! It shall be utterly consumed by the message that God is our Abba! That is it! That is just the way it is!

I hope you understand this vengeance of God. If you want to stick to law legalism system it will end sometime. It is going to end. You can be destroyed with it in the sense of, "Well, I'm going to stick with it," and then you will have the destruction that that brings as the old system ends. If you don't want to go from tapes to CDs, you are going to have the consequences of a system that cannot produce life when you rely upon it to give you life, will dump you into death. It will not be the CD company killing you. It will be you trusting in something that does not have the ability to give you life. I hope you understand my analogy there.

Let's go to the last verse that I want to read and this is from **John 9**

:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

Do you see the judgment of God? The judgment of God is that there were people who said that see the way to God. This is the judgment of God, this is Jesus' judgment: I will bring forth something that will declare their insight will be put in the category of blindness. And those who were seen as blind by those who declared that they have the light, in other words, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the teachers of the Law, the old System, those people thought they were a light in darkness, they were a guide to the blind. That's what the Jews thought. They thought that the Gentiles were just blind people and they were the light and they had the sight and they could see the way to God.

God says, "My judgment We're talking about judgment now, the outpouring of judgment. This is what judgment will do. It will declare, at the end of the day, when you understand what God has revealed that the people who say, "We see the way through the law" are seen as the blind. Those who can see what Christ has done will be called those who can see. That's what he is talking about.

Now it's talking about judgment. We're talking about, "Now is the judgment of this world." where we were just fearing judgment. No, if you want to stick to the law, if you want to stick to works righteousness, you have good reason to fear because no one is going to believe what you believe and your system will prove not to provide you with life. That's it!

John 9

:40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

:41 Jesus said unto them, If you were blind, you would have no sin: but now you say, We see; therefore your sin remains.

So what Jesus said was, "If you could see what I am doing, you would not walk with sin in your heart. You would not live in sin," because the context here was Jesus came and He healed somebody who was born blind and then they cast this guy out. Now that is a sin and they continued to hate a person that Jesus healed. They were against what Christ has come to do because they were blinded and now they were living in this sin of rejecting and not seeing what Christ had done because they wanted to cling to, "We are Jews by our own works!" In today's terms, we would basically say, "I am what I do!"

John 10

:10 Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. Jesus is directly referring to the Pharisees. Remember that Jesus is the Door. He actually says to the Pharisees, “If you want to lead people out into true freedom but you are not coming through Me, you can't see Me as the Way, but you see the Law as the way, or Judaism as the way or being an Israelite, being circumcised, all those things as the way, or in today's terms, you have to follow some of these Charismatic laws and rules, and whatever, be it Dutch Reformed or whatever church law, to find life, as long as you try that, let Me tell you that you are a thief and a robber! If you are a leader who wants to lead people out outside of only the finished work of Jesus, you, in the eyes of Jesus, are seen as somebody who is robbing people and you want to steal sheep because the sheep do not belong to you. The sheep belong to Jesus! It is His sheep! The people are not the people of the Law. The people are the people of God and when they hear the true message, they will be gathered to Jesus, when they hear the truth. When the true Shepherd comes in and He brings the true message which is through the Door of Christ, which is the message of our innocence and our perfection in Christ, those people will be led out. But in the very same moment when Jesus is declared as the Door anybody who does not want to go through the Door is in one second he was a hero and he went from a hero to a zero in a second. He went from hero to robber in a second.

Jesus goes on and He explains this. He says,

John 10

:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

:8 All that ever came before me (everybody that came before Me didn't use Me as the Way to lead the sheep out) **are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them** (for they could not lead the sheep out..They could not obey them for the True Shepherd will call his sheep by their name.)

What is it when you call the sheep by their name? If a true shepherd comes and he calls the sheep by name, what will he do? He will call them by their name. Name talks about who they really are. If we are the sheep of the Shepherd Jesus, if He is the Good Shepherd and we are the sheep, and the people are called by name, what will He call them? He will call them Sheep of the Lord.... not goats that can become sheep but Sheep of the Lord! You are in a fold. You are bound in a certain place but I will lead you out and you will find pasture and you will rest and you will eat. You are in a place where you cannot eat but I will take you to a place where you can eat and where you can rest! That is the whole thing.

IN CONCLUSION

When we talk about the vengeance of our God what we are saying is that the vengeance of our God, the fire of destruction of the Lord, is towards the legalistic system. That's what it is and it is an unquenchable fire and it shall do its work. Let us have that fire as the fire that brings joy to us because it reveals our innocence!

If you are a pastor or a leader or a person who has believed a certain lie for a long time, listen, resisting the truth, being angry, is just going to cause you more pain and more destruction and your life will just be further destroyed. Just say, “Listen, I didn't know, or I did know and I resisted it for awhile, but I'm partnering with the truth now.” I am not talking about giving money to the truth but I am saying that I am believing the truth now and you will find the voice of Grace will not be to your destruction but it will be to your upliftment and the fruit will be joy. Glory to God!!!

Every tree that could not bring forth good fruit. It does not say, "Every person." It says, "Every Tree." The tree is something that we eat from. Jesus is the tree that bears the fruit of eternal life and we can go to the Tree, Jesus, and eat from it. In the same way, there are other trees in this garden, the trees of works righteousness, trees of self righteousness, trees of whatever. You can go and try to eat of that tree and it will not produce, give you, eternal life. The ax is at the root of that tree when John the Baptist preached already. Jesus is chopping it out and He is burning it all away and eventually in the day of the return of the Lord, as He reveals everything, brings forth the lost stuff that needed to be brought forth, you will find that there is not one system like that. It is completely destroyed in that day of the Lord! Glory to God!

Thank you so much for watching. I trust this message has deeply impacted you