

# Smoke in God's Nose

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## **WHY WILL YOU DIE?**

Ezekiel 33:11, "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"

**[Let's pray] Father remove me out of the way, let the words I say be the words you would have me to say; open the hearts and ears of all that are here; allow me to be your instrument and voice to open the minds and souls of those that are in need, of those that are taken captive by the devil at his will: free them in Jesus Name. Amen.**

## **Point 1: The wages of SIN is DEATH!**

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death..." You have EARNED IT!

Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

**Here come the judge! People poke fun at it: however...**

Deuteronomy 30:19, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:"

## **Do you have a DEATH WISH?**

2 Peter 2:9, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:"

**God takes great strides showing you how to escape the coming judgment and what do you do with it all? Some of you think you are so HOLY and you are so self-righteous you just can't see how wicked you really are! Then what are you doing in here? Some people are just like Smoke in God's nose they are so self important and so self absorbed in their own self righteousness!**

Isaiah 65:1-7 "I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts; A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom."

**But God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked...**

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**Self-righteousness is a personal KILLER of your soul!**

Isaiah 64:6-7, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities."

**Wickedness can kill you before your time! You may arrive before your appointment!**

Ecclesiastes 7:17, "Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?"

**Remember: (Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:") You have an appointment with DEATH! AND You have an appointment with JUDGMENT!**

Job 4:8, "Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same."

Psalms 94:23, "And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off."

**Wickedness? What are we talking about when we say INIQUITY, SIN or WICKEDNESS?**

Mark 7:18-23, "And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

**Another passage:**

Romans 1:28-32, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

## **WHY all this sin: WHY all this iniquity? WHY so MUCH Wickedness?**

Romans 5:12, "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:"

**That is Adam... by him SIN entered into the WORLD: and DEATH by SIN, but it was DEATH that passed upon all men: because ALL HAVE SINNED! IT IS YOUR OWN FAULT THAT YOU SIN!**

Genesis 6:5, "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

**Just a few generations removed from Adam you are HERE in Genesis 6! No wonder it is so bad today!**

## **That is the summation of WICKEDNESS; SO: what about that JUDGMENT that comes after death?**

Revelation 20:11-15, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

**SO: who is this talking about? Is it YOU? Let's see:**

Revelation 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

**But, you don't have to go there to find out that IT IS TRUE! Just believe what you have HEARD, and READ in the Bible! BELIEVE IT to the point of KNOWING it to be TRUE! Reckon it to be SO!**

## **Point 2: The Gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE!**

The second part of verse: Romans 6:23, "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

### **Eternal Life is a GIFT of GOD: it is NOT EARNED it is GIVEN FREELY!**

Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 3:23-26, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

**The key words here are BELIEVE in JESUS!**

John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

**Believing HIM, It's not about how long you grow this out or how short you cut this off: it's not about what you eat, what day you observe, or how many prayers you pray! SALVATION is not in THINGS: Salvation is in a PERSON!**

1 John 5:20, "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

**According to the Bible: JESUS CHRIST is the true God, and ETERNAL LIFE! If you want this life you MUST come to HIM:**

John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:5-7, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

**Without being born of God you cannot SEE the kingdom of God, and you cannot ENTER into it!**

John 3:16-21, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

**Do you HATE so much: God melt their hearts, I commit them to YOU.**  
John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

**It is all about the believability towards the TRUTH: not the believability OF the TRUTH. Yes IT IS BELEAVABLE! Lord God HELP their unbelief... The problem is YOU believing what God SAID!**

Romans 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

**Why will you DIE in your sins? After Death, and Judgment: what then? You know don't you? THAT is why you hate God and the Bible: you KNOW your END. You know what the WRATH of GOD is!**

**Every head bowed and every eye closed... [Brothers come up to the platform; we need a count of hands]**

I am going to pray in a moment; but I wonder by a show of hands: How many here **KNOW without a doubt** that if you died tonight you would go to heaven? [**Count the hands**] **Now don't LIE to me about this**; keep your hands up if you are being honest about this. \_\_\_\_\_

Ok, now if you did NOT raise your hand: or even if you did and just lied about your true state before God: With every head bowed and every eye closed; you pray and ask God to save your soul.

Quit being so right in your own eyes. Jesus Christ was put in prison and he was not just innocent of the charges: he was not even a **SINNER!** What is wrong with Jesus Christ that you won't receive **HIM** as **YOUR** payment for your dirty rotten **SINS**? He was put in prison, whipped for no good reason, acquitted by the governor, who found no fault in him, yet nailed to an old wooden cross, bleed and died for what? **NO**, it's **WHO?** He died for **ME** and **YOU**, he took **YOUR PLACE**.

The Bible says in: 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

If you can't seem to pray, I will help with this prayer, you can make this **YOUR** prayer, but it must come from your heart, and not just copy it for the prayer, but mean it from your heart.

**Lord God, I am a SINNER; I don't want to die in my sins, and go to hell forever to pay for them. I want to take YOUR way out and I now trust Jesus Christ to keep me out of hell fire and damnation: I now receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal savior and give up my life to serve him. In Jesus Name. Amen.**

Please keep your heads bowed and eyes closed. I would like to see by the show of hands: everyone that prayed that prayer for the first time. This is the first time you prayed anything like this? [**Count the hands**] \_\_\_\_\_

**OK.** Thank you, you may open your eyes. If you prayed this prayer for the first time please come forward and allow me to pray for you. Come forward and knell down at the alter.