

Don't Forget God's Justice and Final Judgment upon this Evil World

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Everyone nowadays speaks of God's mercy, but hardly anyone speaks of God's justice and wrath. "For mercy and wrath are with him. He is mighty to forgive, and to pour out indignation." (Eccus. 16:12) "Be not without fear about sin forgiven, and add not sin upon sin. And say not: The mercy of the Lord is great, he will have mercy on the multitude of my sins. For mercy and wrath quickly come from him, and his wrath looketh upon [unrepentant] sinners. Delay not to be converted to the Lord, and defer it not from day to day." (Eccus. 5:5-8)

Hence, in God's mercy he forgives men who sincerely repent; but in his justice, he punishes men who do not repent. If God's punishment is not unto death, then this is also an act of mercy because it may cause the sinner to eventually repent. If it is unto death, then the sinner is damned to the everlasting fires of hell. St. Paul speaks of God's justice in this regard many times when he gives a list of sins that place men on the road to hell, which includes Catholics (true believers) who die in mortal sin. "Know you not that the unjust shall not possess the kingdom of God? Do not err. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor the effeminate, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor railers, nor extortioners, shall possess the kingdom of God." (1 Cor. 6:9-10) "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are fornication, uncleanness, immodesty, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcrafts, enmities, contentions, jealousies, wraths, quarrels, dissensions, sects, envies, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. Of the which I foretell you, as I have foretold to you, that they who do such things shall not obtain the kingdom of God." (Gal. 5:19-21)

And Jesus Christ says, "But as for those my enemies, who would not have me reign over them, bring them hither, and kill them before me." (Lk. 19:27) The last act of God's justice upon this evil world is when Jesus Christ comes the second time and destroys this evil world and sends almost all of the inhabitants to hell (Mt. 7:14). The Old Testament Prophet Sophonias speaks of this, as does St. Peter, the first pope: "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near and exceeding swift; the voice of the day of the Lord is bitter, the mighty man shall there meet with tribulation. That day is a day of wrath, a day of tribulation and distress, a day of calamity and misery, a day of darkness and obscurity, a day of clouds and whirlwinds," (Soph. 1:14-15) "But the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in which the heavens shall pass away with great violence, and the elements shall be melted with heat, and the earth and the works which are in it, shall be burnt up." (2 Pt. 3:10) And the beloved St. John says, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, they shall have their portion in the pool burning with fire and brimstone." (Apoc. 21:8)

How is that for God's justice! If you want a hope to be saved, throw out your mushy teddy-bear god who does not judge, condemn, or punish anyone. He is a god of sin, rebellion, lawlessness, anarchy, discord, misery, despair, and everlasting death. If he had his way, he would turn heaven into hell by letting unbelievers and other unrepented sinners into heaven. It would be similar to what you see on earth today, but only way, way, way worse and with no hope of escaping it. The sign on hell's door is "Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here."

God's mercy, then, has limits, he offers it only so long, and when he sees a sinner is obstinate beyond repentance, he offers it no more. So delay not in converting for this may be the last grace God gives you to repent and convert. "Today if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 94 [95]:8) "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6:2)

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