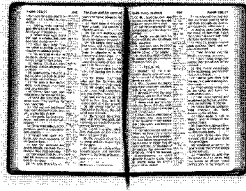


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*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)*

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## HATE EVIL

We learn from Ecclesiastes 3:8 that there is "A time to love and a time to hate..." Without question, there is *a time to hate*. The time to hate is *when God says hate*.

Since there is a time to hate it is obvious that there are some things we should hate. We have no right to love things that God says hate and we have no right to hate things that God says love.

A long time ago God said to Israel (through Amos): "Hate the evil..." (Amos 5:15) The Psalmist said: "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil..." (97:10) Through Isaiah, the Lord declared: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." (5:20). To saints in the NT God commanded: "Abhor that which is evil..." (Romans 12:9). It is a serious matter if we *love* things we should *hate*, and *hate* things we should *love*.

We must go to God's Word to learn what we should hate. Let us consider some things we should *hate*.

1. INIQUITY (LAWLESSNESS). God said to His Son: "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity..." (Hebrews 1:9). The Son is our example in *hating iniquity*. We learn from Matthew 7:21-23 that *workers of iniquity* will be told by the Lord, "...I never knew you: depart from me..."

2. PRIDE, ARROGANCY, THE EVIL WAY AND THE FROWARD (PERVERSE) MOUTH. Proverbs 8:13 says:

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth do I hate." We should hate these things.

3. FALSE WAYS. Psalms 119:104 says: Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way." Since we can receive understanding through the precepts of God *we should hate every false way*.

4. VAIN THOUGHTS. Psalms 119:113 says: "I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love." We, too, should love God's law and hate vain thoughts.

5. LYING. Proverbs 13:5 says: A righteous man hateth lying..." We learn from Revelation 21:8 that "...all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

6. WORKS OF THE FLESH SUCH AS ADULTERY, FORNICATION, UNCLEANNES, LASCIVIOUSNESS, IDOLATRY, WITCHCRAFT, HATRED, VARIANCE, EMULATIONS, WRATH, STRIFE, SEDITIONS, HERESIES, ENVYINGS, MURDERS, REVELLINGS, AND SUCH LIKE. Read Galatians 5:19-21. Also read 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Matthew 15:19-20 and Romans 1:24-32.

Since we are commanded to *hate* or *abhor* evil, we must give diligence to exercise our senses by reason of use to enable us to *discern* both good and evil (see Hebrews 5:14).

Do you *hate evil*? Evil in every form? Do you really *abhor* it? Do you *condemn* it? Are you *aggressively* opposing it? You *should* be. (CRS)

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## Editorial...

### HELL! IS THERE A PLACE OF ETERNAL TORMENT FOR THE WICKED? (NO. 25)

In our prior studies of *Hell*, we have been dealing with the *false doctrine* that *the wicked will not be tormented eternally*, but that *they will be annihilated* and thus *will cease to exist*. It is also contended by some that the dead are in a state of non-existence and unconsciousness. Most of those who teach this doctrine also teach that *man is wholly mortal* and thus *he does not have an eternal soul or spirit within his physical body*.

Let us resume our study of some arguments that are made in an effort to prove that there is not a place of eternal torment for the wicked. At this time we are going to continue our study of *Argument XII* as listed below.

XII. ARGUMENT: "THERE CAN BE NO ETERNAL TORMENT FOR THE WICKED BECAUSE WHEN THEY DIE, ARE CUT OFF, OR ARE DESTROYED, THEY CEASE TO EXIST. THEY BECOME EXTINCT. THEY ARE ANNIHILATED."

REPLY:

As we continue our examination of words that appear in a list of 25 or so, that Curtis Dickinson gives in his booklet that he thinks proves that there will be a *total bringing to nothing*

or non-existence of the wicked, we are learning that the desired conclusion is *not proven* by the verses that Dickinson lists. (The list is found on pages 20-21 of What the Bible teaches About Immortality and Future Punishment and is taken from Professor L.E. Froom's monumental work, "The Conditionalists Faith of Our Fathers"). Let us continue a study of the words listed and the passages given.

10. Dickinson uses "*throw down*" and "*found no more*" as used in Revelation 18:21 in an effort to prove that the wicked will be *annihilated* in hell and will *cease to exist*. The passage says: "*...thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.*" Let us examine them.

In my judgment, assuming that "*to annihilate*" or "*to cause one* (or a thing) *to cease to exist*" is inherit in the meaning of "*throw down*" is without merit. Men like Dickinson implies such an assumption (without proof) in an effort to sustain their position that the wicked will not be eternally tormented. In fact Dickinson gave no evidence whatsoever to even try to prove his assumption and assertion. Only the uninformed, the careless and/or the gullible will accept his unfounded assumptions.

According to Webster's Dictionary the words "*cast, cast down*" and "*throw, throw down*" basically mean the same thing. In fact, the ASV uses "*cast down*" instead of "*thrown down*" as it appears in the KJV.

In Exodus 15:21 we read that Miriam said: "Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his ride hath he thrown into the sea." NOTE: When those of Pharaoh's army were *thrown down* they were not *annihilated*. They were "*cast into the sea.*" They were "*thrown into the sea.*" "The depths...covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone." "...the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters." "...the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them" They "*were drowned*", *not annihilated*. (See Exodus 15:4, 21, 5, 10, 19; Hebrews 11:29).

Nahum 1:6 says "...the rocks are

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**thrown down by him** (The Lord – CRS)".

NOTE: Surely in this context **"thrown down"** does *not* mean that the rocks are *annihilated* by the Lord!

In Mark 12:42 we read: **"And there came a poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing."** Jesus said: **"...this poor widow hast cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury."** NOTE: Here the KJV uses **"threw in"** and **"cast...in"** interchangeably. Surely no one truth seeking person thinks that the coins were *annihilated* when she *threw* or *cast* them into the treasury. However, I *can* conceive of men like Dickinson thinking that is what happened.

The expression **"shall be found no more at all"** does not mean that the wicked will be *annihilated* following the resurrection and the judgment. It does suggest that whatever power (or whoever) is symbolized by **"that great city Babylon"** will (or would **"be thrown down"**) as a power and would no longer be found as such.

We learn from Psalms 37:36 that **"...passed away, and, lo, he was not:..."** and **"he could not be found."** NOTE: This not mean that the wicked one or ones were *annihilated* or ceased to exist anymore than Enoch was *annihilated* or ceased to exist when **"...he was not: for God took him."** (Gen. 5:24). QUESTION: Do you think that Enoch could be found after **"he was not: for God took him?"** No, he could not be found. Here is proof. Hebrews 11:5 says: **"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found..."** This does not mean that he was *annihilated* and thus did not exist.

No, the expressions *thrown down* and *shall be found no more at all* do not mean *annihilation* or *non-existence* of the wicked in eternity. Obviously, wishful thinking is the mother of such arguments.

11. Dickinson also lists **"drown"** as a word that is supposed to indicate that the wicked will be *annihilated*

or cease to exist in eternity. Again, although some references are given there is no effort made to show that these Scriptures prove what they are alleged to prove. They are 1 Tim. 1:19; 6:9 and 2 Peter 3:11-12.

1 Timothy 1:19 says: **"Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck."** NOTE: I can not find the word **"drown"** or its equivalent in this passage. Again, Dickinson is ignorant, reckless, careless or deliberately trying to deceive someone.

1 Timothy 6:9 says: **"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."** NOTE: The word **"drown"** does *not mean* or even suggest in the slightest the idea of *annihilation* or *ceasing to exist*. It takes a very fertile imagination or a desire to deceive to come up with such a meaning.

In Hebrews 11:29 we read: **"By faith they [the Israelites – CRS] passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned."** We learn from Exodus 15:21 that **"the horse and his rider"** were **"thrown into the sea"** by the Lord.

After the Egyptians were **"thrown"** into the sea and **"drowned"**, **"Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore."** (Exodus 14:30). No, they were not *annihilated*. No, they did not go out of existence when they *drowned*. They died. Their spirits had departed from their bodies. (See Genesis 35:18; James 2:26; Matthew 10:28; Revelation 6:9-11; 20:4). Death occurs when the **"inward man"**, the **"soul"**, the **"spirit"**, separates from the **"outward man"**, the body. That is why Israel saw them dead upon the sea shore. Their spirits (or souls) had departed from their bodies. Their bodies were dead. There was no *annihilation* or going out of existence.

The word translated **"destruction"** here is defined by Thayer's Lexicon, page 443 as **"ruin, destruction. death."** Vine's Expository Dictionary of NT Words, page  
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304 defines the word to mean "*ruin, destruction.*" Jay P. Green's Greek English Interlinear gives it as "*ruin and destruction.*" Even the translation that Fudge often uses says "*ruin and destruction.*" (See the NIV.) The NASV and the RSV also say "*ruin and destruction.*" Obviously the word translated "*destruction*" in the first part of the phrase simply means "*ruin.*" There is no inherent meaning of annihilation or non-existence. According to Thayer's Lexicon, page 70 the word translated *destruction* in the last part of the sentence means "*a perishing, ruin, destruction.*"

In discussing the word (appolumi) translated "*destruction*" Vine's Expository Dictionary of NT Words says: "...to destroy utterly; in Middle Voice, to perish. The idea is not extinction but ruin. loss, not of being, but of well being. This is clear from it use..." (Page 302).

NOTE: 1 Timothy 6:9 teaches that those who will be rich will fall into

ruin in this life and also in the world to come. They will be *drowned in ruin and destruction*, not annihilated and go out of existence. There is absolutely nothing in 1 Timothy 6:9 to suggest that the wicked will be annihilated and go out of existence.

2 Peter 3:11-12 says: "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" NOTE: After reading this passage a number of times I am still unable to find the word "*drown*" in it. I found the words "*fire*", "*melt*" and "*dissolved*" twice, but not the word "*drown.*" on which the argument was based.

Once again Dickinson, etc. have failed to prove their position.

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## SENTENCE SERMONS

Our trials can serve to strengthen us to bear the burdens we face.

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We should strengthen our friendships with concern, love, trust and dependability.

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Stay away from the brink of temptation lest you fall into sin.

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We should see things as they are and we should do things as they should be done.

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Most people are traveling the road that lead to eternal ruin. What about you?

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