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(Thomas Boston, "Human Nature in its Fourfold State")

"He who did not spare His own Son!" Romans 8:32

Behold how an angry God dealt with His own Son, standing in the place of elect sinners! Sparing mercy might have been expected here--if any place at all. If any person could have obtained sparing mercy, surely His own Son would have! But God did not even spare His own Son! The Father's delight--is made a man of sorrows! He who is the wisdom of God--becomes sore amazed, ready to faint away in a fit of horror. The weight of this wrath makes Him sweat great drops of blood. By the fierceness of this fire--His heart was melted like wax.

Behold, here, how severe God is against sin!
The sun was struck blind with this terrible sight!

What is a deluge, a shower of fire and brimstone, on the people of Sodom; the terrible noise of a dissolving world, the whole fabric of heaven and earth disuniting at once, and angels cast down from heaven into the bottomless pit! What are all these, I say, in comparison with this--God in human nature suffering, groaning, dying upon a cross! Infinite holiness did it, to make sin look like itself, that is, infinitely odious.

Turn your eyes, O sinners, towards the Lord Jesus Christ; and embrace Him, as He offers Himself in the gospel.
"Salvation is found in no one else!" Acts 4:12.

God is a consuming fire; you are children of wrath; if the Mediator does not interpose between Him and you--you are undone forever! If you would be safe, come under His shadow--one drop of that wrath cannot fall there, for He "delivers us from the wrath to come," 1 Thess. 1:10. His blood will quench that fire of wrath which burns against you! In the white raiment of His righteousness you will be safe; for no storm of wrath can pierce it.