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Saints,

I ran across this older article in the sermonindex.net database and feel it is very timely to be shared with everyone. Oh may we be of those who see things with a eternal perspective.

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### Flee From the Wrath to Come by Don Currin

In a 1980 interview, Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones was asked the question, "What do you think Christianity ought to say to the economic situation today?" He answered, "I think the great message we must preach is God's judgment on men and on the world." Dr. Lloyd-Jones went on to underscore the importance of this message when he said, "The condition of the modern world proves that what we must preach more than ever is "Escape from the wrath to come!" Later in the interview, Lloyd-Jones was asked whether or not Christian influence could produce a Christian culture. To which the preacher replied, "No. It will never come. All Scripture is against that. It's impossible. In the present world situation-it has never been more critical-all civilization is rocking, and we are facing collapse, morally, politically, and in every other way. I would have thought that surely at this time our urgent message should be, 'Flee from the wrath to come!'"

As the interview came to a close, Martyn Lloyd-Jones was asked, "What parting word have you for the secular man or woman who does not take Jesus Christ seriously?" To which the man of God replied, "Flee from the wrath to come and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ".

At 80 years of age, Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones understood that the answer to man's economic, moral, and spiritual plights was to take refuge in Christ's finished work from the rapidly approaching eternal storm. After years of observing the spiritual declension of his own country and witnessing the futility of man's attempts to improve the conditions of the economy and church, he knew that the only answer to man's social and spiritual ills was Jesus Christ.

Sadly, church growth strategists have all but condemned preaching on the judgment of God. They contend that preaching on such a theme will be perceived as a "scare" tactic by the seeker and should be avoided. Unfortunately, their teaching has led to serious and fatal consequences which include a loss of Holy Spirit conviction, a man-centered gospel, a waning sense of the fear of God and the ingathering of a mixed multitude in the church.

How can these so-called ecclesiastical experts tell us that warning men of judgment, wrath, and everlasting torment is irrelevant. Jude tells us in verse 23 of his brief epistle that a vital biblical motivation to move men into God's kingdom is eternal fire when he says, And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; .... Should such a vital doctrine that is so essential to salvation be neglected to make God's Word more palatable to carnal people? God forbid!

Consider how often God's wrath in relation to sinners is mentioned in the Scripture. In Job 36:13 the writer warns the hypocrites in heart that they heap up wrath. John the Baptist proclaims to his wilderness congregation to flee from the wrath to come in Luke 3:7. While the Apostle Paul solemnly declares in Ephesians 5:6 that God's wrath will visit adulterers, greedy men, and idolaters.

Necessity is laid upon every man that has been called by God to preach the whole counsel of God and that includes preaching on judgment to come. Can any man rejoice that he is a faithful minister of the gospel who omits from his message damnation for all Christ rejecters. Let every minister of this glorious gospel and every professor of Jesus Christ never cease in declaring the whole counsel of God. Never be ashamed to proclaim every vital doctrine of gospel content. And never cower from his responsibility to tell unbelieving sinners that they will go to hell if they do not repent. May we be faithful in preaching the timeless exhortation that Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones gave in his interview over twenty years ago, "Flee from the wrath to come and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

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Grace, peace, and love:

Thank you for sharing this article. I just read this about a week ago on the general web-search on, "The wrath of God." Unfortunately, this interview with the Old Englishman is painfully true. It is more so true now than it was in 1980. Consequently, the need for the sound of the trumpet is most urgent than ever before. We do not need "good preaching" we need to hear the sound of the trumpet. There was a time when preachers preached as if sinners were in the hands of an angry God; now they preach as if God is in the hands of angry sinners. God judgeth the righteous and God is angry with the wicked everyday. We are called to be preachers of His word; we are not called to be His defense attorney's as if God has to justify Himself to the world. Remember, before there can be salvation there must be propitiation, and that is how we are to preach the gospel. The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ wasn't only the greatest act of love this universe has ever known, it was also a forensic act. Without this element there would be no way that God could remain just and at the same time justify the ungodly. The cross is not only a symbol of love, but it is equally a symbol of divine justice. Without this the wicked shall surely drink from the cup of the wrath of the Almighty.

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God's Word is eternal & unchanging. God's precepts & counsel do not change & apply to all time periods in history & to all people. Anyone rooted in the Word, as Martin Lloyd-Jones was, will undoubtedly have to come to the same conclusion as he did. We are sometimes surprised at what certain preachers have to say. We call their views "prophetic", whereas in fact they are just echoing what God has already said. His Word is plainly laid out for anyone to read and understand.

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This is the message of the hour. Never in history has such lawlessness permeated the fibers of our society as now. The powers of darkness that fuel and empower this lawlessness are mocking our self-esteem cultural preaching. Men full of the Holy Ghost preaching repentance, judgment, and wrath, is the divinely chosen arsenal of truth poised to bring these strongholds down. As CT Studd so eloquently said, "Too long have we been waiting for one another to begin! The time for waiting is past! The hour of God has struck! War is declared! In God's Holy Name let us arise and build! The God of Heaven, He will fight for us," as we for Him. We will not build on the sand, but on the bedrock of the sayings of Christ, and the gates and minions of hell shall not prevail against us. Should such men as we fear? Before the whole world, aye, before the sleepy, lukewarm, faithless, namby-pamby Christian world, we will dare to trust our God; we will venture our all for Him; we will live, and we will die for Him, and we will do it with His joy unspeakable singing aloud in our hearts. We will a thousand times sooner die trusting only in our God, than live trusting in man. And when we come to this position, the battle is already won, and the end of the glorious campaign in sight. We will have the real Holiness of God, not the sickly stuff of talk and dainty words and pretty thoughts; we will have a Masculine Holiness, one of daring faith and works for Jesus Christ."

We need this "masculine holiness" in the church again; especially in the pulpit. Thank God for such men as Dr. Jones.