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God's Word clearly states: "But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile" (Romans 2:8,9). "But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation" (Jeremiah 10:10).

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name" (Revelation 14:10,11).

This indignation is another for God's wrath, of which we have already written, and here God says that those who experience His indignation "shall be tormented with fire and brimstone... and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever."

AN ALARM TO THE UNCOVERTED

Joseph Alleine, a much-used preacher of years ago, spoke to the uncovered and warned them: "Now you can put off the evil day, and laugh and be merry, and forget the terror of the Lord. But how will you hold out, or hold up, when God casts you into a 'bed of torments' (Revelation 2:22); and makes you to 'lie down in sorrow' (Isaiah 1:11); when roarings and blasphemies shall be your only music, and the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into a cup of His indignation, shall be your only drink (Revelation 14:10)? In a word, when the smoke of your torment shall ascend for ever and ever, and you shall have no rest day or night, no rest in your conscience, no rest in your bones; but you shall be an execration, an astonishment, and a curse and a reproach, for evermore (Jeremiah 42:18).

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This is a fearsome portion of scripture to meditate on. Not just the intense magnitude of the torment, but that it is forever and ever. Who could endure such a thing for a few minutes? What if that few minutes became a few hours? And the hours became days and weeks and months and years and decades and centuries and milleniums and eons of ages. I think of the reverse of the beloved tune Amazing Grace:

For the sufferers it will be... When we have been there 10,000 years suffering in pain to be delivered, we've no less days to howl in pain than when we first begun. And while the Saints sing the songs of Zion the damned will be perpetually tormented day and night without rest. This is wrath without mixture or relief.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?