

**Experiencing the Wrath of God – Part Three**

**"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."  
Hebrews 10:31**

I suggest the following indications that you may be susceptible to the wrath of God:

1 - **You assume that God's commitment to you obligates Him to accept and forgive you.** A man once said (I hope he was joking), "It is easier to ask God for forgiveness than to seek His permission." Another man said of his reprobate son, "I know that he is saved; he made a profession of faith when he was age 11." I have heard people say, "God has to forgive me; He promised He would in passages such as 1 John 1:9." God obligates Himself with His promises, but this is different from saying that His promises apply to you simply because you claim them. You cannot leverage God or obligate Him with His promises. When you endeavor to do so, you are highly presumptuous and anger Him.

2 - **You are in rebellion against God and think you can repent later in life, and you live your life in the meantime the way you want to.** Such people fail to understand that people do not come to God when they wish; "No man can say that Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Spirit."<sup>1</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord will not always strive with man... One oft reprov'd may become stiff-necked, But he will be suddenly broken beyond repair."<sup>2</sup>

3 - **You think you can serve God on your terms.** The only people God accepts are those who eagerly wish to be His slaves. Old and New Testament alike teach this important truth. Paul said, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."<sup>3</sup> Again, Paul said, "...and, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness."<sup>4</sup>

**If you do not seek to follow God more than life itself, if you do not long to obey Him and do His will in every facet of life, there is a strong possibility that He will say to you when you meet, "I never knew you, depart from Me, you worker of iniquity."<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:3 <sup>2</sup> Genesis 6:3 and Proverbs 29:1 <sup>3</sup> 1 Corinthians 6:20 <sup>4</sup> Romans 6:18

<sup>5</sup> Matthew 7:23