BBC UPDATE



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THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF BIBLICAL LOVE

King David made the strong assertion, saying, *"The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity"* (Ps. 5:5).[1] Later, he averred, saying, *"God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day"* (Ps. 7:11). Unrepentant sinners are under the condemnation of God (Jn. 3:18-20), and at the Great White Throne Judgment, as they will *"stand"* before the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour will demonstrate His full hatred on the *"foolish"* by casting them into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:15). Obviously, God is perfect in His love and in His hate. He hates the *"wickedness"* (Ps. 45:7) and *"deeds"* (Rev. 2:6) of the unsaved. It is true that God so loved the world (of sinners) and died for Adam and all of his seed (Jn. 3:16; I Jn. 2:2). Being the *"Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending"* (Rev. 1:8), the LORD sees the sinner in time and in eternity. The wicked sinner who does wicked things is still loved by God, but simultaneously, the dead unrepentant sinner is hated by the Lord as He sees him in the "Place of Hatred," the everlasting state of fire in Hell and then in the Lake of Fire.



Certainly, the imprecatory prayers of the saints and of the Lord Jesus evinced this divine hatred for sinners (e.g., Ps. 5, 6, 11, 12, 35, 37, 40, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 69, 79, 83, 94, 109, 137, 139, and 143). The verb *"to imprecate"* comes from the Latin and means to invoke judgment, calamity, or curses upon one's enemies or those perceived to be enemies of God's purpose and plans. Both in the OT and in the NT, the saints invoked wrath and curses upon the enemies of the divine institutions of worship, namely the Temple on Mount Zion, the Nation of Israel, and the Lord's immersionist assemblies. The passion for justice in defense of the divine will is genuine and vastly different from private reprisal. The Lord gave the principle in the question of the

[1] The negated verb *"shall stand"* (*yatzav* [48x]) is a *Hithpael* imperfect or future tense!

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Lukan parable, saying, *"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?"* (Lk. 18:7). David imprecated several, such as Doeg (Ps. 52:1), the Ziphims (Ps. 54:1), the Philistines (Ps, 56:1), King Saul (Ps. 57:1), unrighteous judges (Ps. 58:1), Saul's henchmen (Ps. 59:1), and Ahithophel and Judas (Ps. 69), and ultimately his own son Absalom (Ps. 68:21), all of whom were sinners attempting to thwart the divine will for David.

In the NT, Jesus of Nazareth imprecated the fig tree (symbolic of fruitless Israel [Mt. 21:19]), and those committing the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, saying: *"but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men"* (Mt. 12:31). Peter invoked judgment on the church liars Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-8), and on Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:18-23), Paul imprecated a curse on Elymas (Acts 13:8-11), on Alexander (II Tim. 4:14), and through church discipline on the fornicator in the Corinthian church (I Cor. 5:5). Even in heaven, imprecations will occur, as John revealed about the Tribulation saints, saying, *"And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"* (Rev. 6:10).

"God is love" (I Jn. 4:8), the Apostle John declared! The Apostle Paul expanded on and explained the nature of the love of God. He affirmed, saying, *"**Charity** suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but **rejoiceth in the truth**"* (I Cor. 13:4-6). The noun *"charity"* (agape) or love *"rejoiceth in the truth."* The Lord's love is based on truth! Biblical love and truth are interconnected. The dimly-illuminated world has ignored the connection between divine love and biblical truth. For instance, many say that the God of love would not send unrepentant sinners to Hell! He is too loving to judge the wicked! Some say that the loving God approves the "marital" love of sodomites and lesbians! But His love is based on truth, and the LORD has condemned any relationship contrary to man and woman within the biblical the institution of marriage, including sodomy, fornication, adultery, incest, etc (Rom. 1:24-27; I Cor. 6:9-11). His command to Adam and Eve, and later to Noah, was *"Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth"* (Gen. 1:28; 9:1). God loves the living unrepentant sinner, and hates the dead unrepentant sinner who goes to the divine "Place of Hatred," first Hell and then the Lake of Fire!

In conclusion, love sinners who bring personal attacks upon the believer. Hate sinners with imprecations who attempt to undermine the Lord's institutions, primarily in this age, the institution of the Baptist Church!

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The Lord blessed with the study of the Book of Habakkuk at Willow Grove Independent Baptist Church in Waynesburg, PA. Dr. Scott Blair and his wife Kelly were great hosts as Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Strouse fellowshipped with them during the four-day Bible Conference. The church attendance of the members was full every service. It was good to see and visit with former members of Bible Baptist Church and church planters, Pastor and Mrs. Jim Lawrence. Pastor Lawrence is a former graduate of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary.



MORE PHOTOS





L: Dr. Blair & Pastor Lawrence
R: Enjoying luncheon



Celine Careso's birthday!

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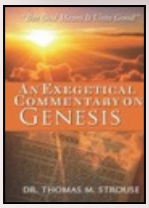
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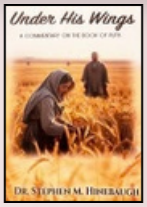
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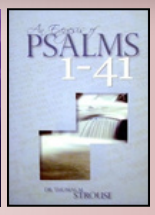
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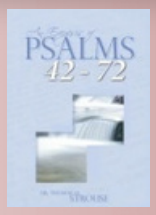
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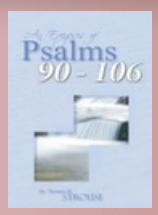
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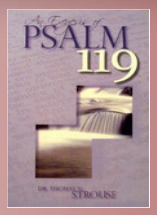
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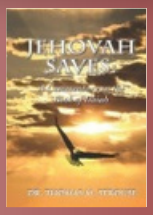
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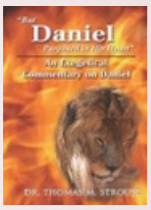
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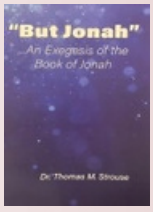
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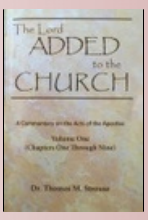
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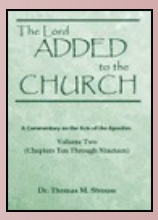
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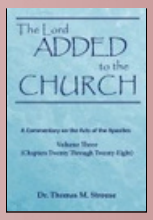
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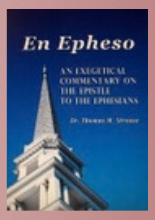
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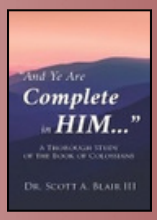
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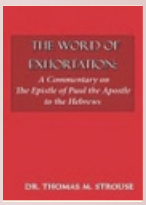
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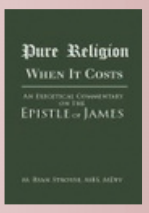
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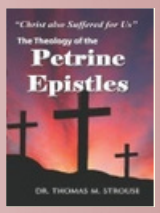
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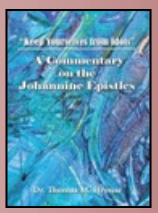
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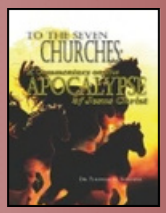
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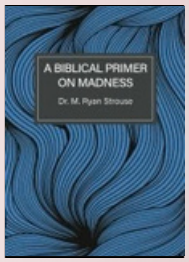
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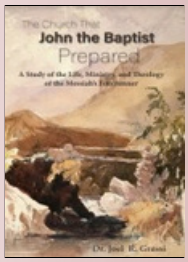
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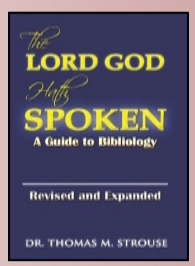
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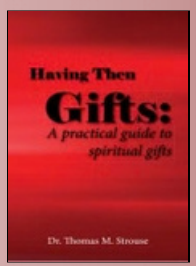
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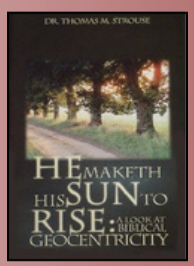
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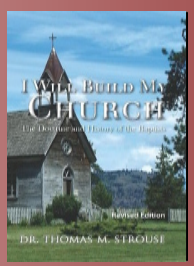
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