

“Finding Rest In Jesus”

Matthew 11:20-30

John 3:17

“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

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Romans 2:5-8

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each person according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

Matthew 13:42

“They will be thrown into the fire and experience weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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Psalm 2:12

“Do homage to the son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way. For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him.”

Ezekiel 7:8,9

"Now I will shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth."

Hebrews 2:3

“how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”

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Isaiah 46:10

“Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’”

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Matthew 23:4

They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

"There is a restlessness in my soul that I've never conquered, not with motion, marriages or meaning ... It's still there to a degree. And it will be till the day I die. " - Merle Haggard

“Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.”

– St. Augustine

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B. The Promise

"The enjoyment of God is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied."

- Jonathan Edwards

