

II Thrus. 1: 1-12

SUBJECT: Sign Over Hell:
Smile - God Loves You

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II Thrus. 1:7,8

SIGN OVER HELL: "SMILE, GOD LOVES YOU"

(a) Cartoon, tawny in skin, blood, cut, prof. sign
What is wrong with the picture?
Denial of their judgment.

Is it also wrong today? modern freedom
that leaves out judgment, hell.

I. The True God of Revelation

Isaiah 2:11 "God is angry with the
wicked every day"

The gospel of Romans begins, "For
the wrath of God is revealed from
heaven against all unrighteousness
of men..." Rom. 1:18

The term of Rom. 6:13-17
20:11-15

Heb. 10:26-31

The God of the Bible is holy, will not tolerate sin, rebellion

Gen. 7:22 the flood, "all in whose nostrils was the breath of life, & all that was in the dry land, died"

II Pet 2:4 "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (TARTAROS) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

On Passover night God sent an angel through the land of Egypt and slew every firstborn child of every family from the ruling Pharaoh in the chariot to the lowest servant - all who were not under the blood.

He trapped and drowned the whole army of Pharaoh in the middle of the Red Sea.

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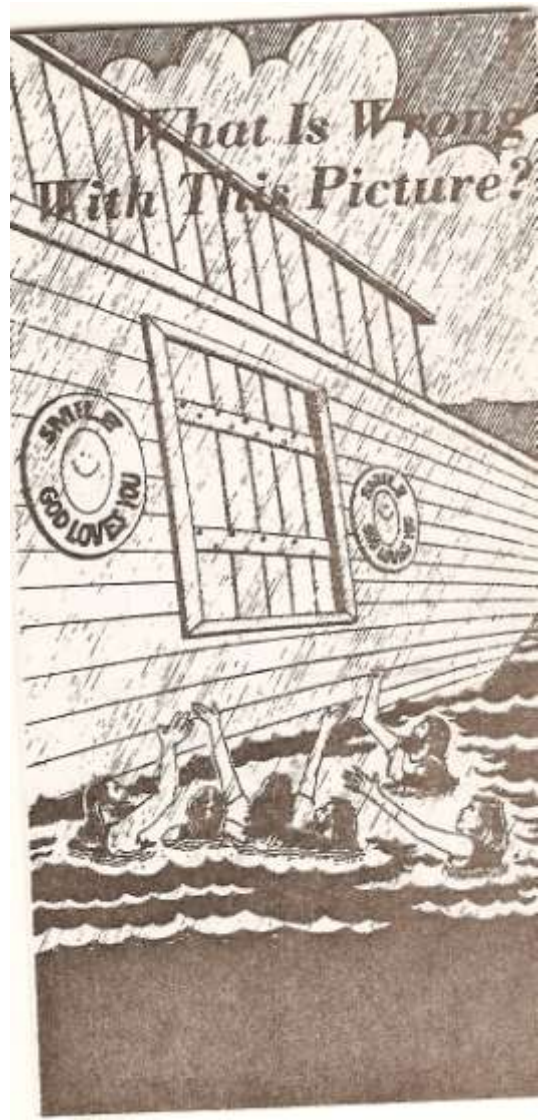
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6. Prevention - mefā
7. Even teaching children to be kind,
generous, friendly = avoid stranger with
gift of candy etc.

III. The God who Suffereth,
Suffer, cares.

(a) to whom would you have taken his?
to whom would you have taken his?

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Is it perhaps that the whole earth is being flooded with water? No, the Bible declares that to be true, and the earth itself bears record of it. Is it that some people are preserved safe in the ark? No, again the Bible tells us that Noah, his three sons and their wives survived. The whole earth has been repopulated from those survivors. Is it that people are drowning? Wrong again. The Bible says that "all in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died". (Gen. 7:22)

Then what is wrong with the picture? It is the message printed on the side of the ark, "Smile, God loves you." Is this not an altogether absurd thing to be telling men who are perishing under the wrath of God?

But if it is incongruous to display such a message at that time, why is it any more appropriate now? Has God changed? No, He is perfect and immutable. Perhaps man is not as wicked now as he was then? False again, if there is any difference in man's moral condition, he is now worse.

No, the unavoidable facts of the matter is, there is something drastically wrong with the gospel men are preaching today. And there is something dishonest and cowardly about preachers who will not soberly and urgently warn people who are

imminently in danger of eternal destruction.

Let me tell you something about the God of the Bible you may not have heard.

- God is holy, and hates sin, He will not tolerate rebellion.
- The Bible says He spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell.
- He once drowned and sent to hell every person alive on earth excepting eight persons who found grace in His sight.
- He once passed through the land of Egypt and killed every firstborn child of every family from Pharaoh on the throne to the lowest servant.
- He trapped and drowned a whole army in the middle of the Red Sea.
- To show His hatred of homosexuality He destroyed two cities with fire and brimstone, burning alive every person in them including the children of the one righteous man he saved out.
- He once opened up the earth beneath three men who rebelled against Moses sending them with their wives and children to hell alive.
- He then sent fire from heaven and consumed 250 more men who usurped the office of priest.
- To underscore His contempt for lying hypocrisy, he struck a man and his wife

dead in the middle of a church meeting.

The God of the Bible, hates sin, kills people, puts sinners in hell. The Bible tells us He is angry with the wicked every day. (Psalm 7:11) The gospel in Romans begins with "... the wrath of God is revealed from heaven ..." (Rom. 1:18). God's mandate, His message to unrepentant men is singular. Repent or perish. Turn or burn. Flee to Christ before it is too late.

The Bible tells us that "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (II Peter 3:10) We are told that "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction ..." (II Thess. 1:7-8)

Yet the God of the Bible is a merciful and compassionate God. Lest we should all perish, God has appointed an "Ark of Safety," the Lord Jesus Christ is God's Substitutionary Lamb, His appointed sin-bearer. God has made the sinless Saviour to be our sins that we might be holy and without blame before Him in love.