

## Sinners in the Hand of an Angry God (1741)

**35**To me belongeth vengeance and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. DT 32:35 KJV

It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them. (NIV)

Exegesis: The Israelites were God's visible people but were still the objects of God's wrath and subject to destruction. They were on the slippery slope, and would have fallen into the abyss if it were not for God holding them moment by moment, until their appointed time.

Doctrine: There is nothing that keeps wicked men at any one moment out of Hell, but the mere pleasure of God.

1. God has the power to cast the wicked into Hell at any moment.
2. The justice of God is not an impediment to casting the wicked into Hell. Why would it be?
3. The wicked are condemned already John 3:18
4. God is angrier with those on earth (in the congregation!) than those in Hell. P401-2; notice the Biblical allusions without the references.
5. The devil is ready to take them in as his own
6. God presently restrains the evil in our souls.
7. Don't think that your present good health will keep you from untimely death- God "has so many unsearchable ways of taking wicked men out and sending them to Hell."
8. Everyone believes that they will escape Hell by their own devices but p403
9. God is not under obligation to keep the wicked out of Hell for one moment.

### Application

- Repent and convert-there is nothing between you and Hell but air and the hand of God. And you are heavy from your sins. The groaning of the creation as it serves you against its will, p405. God really hates you p407
  - It is the wrath of an infinite God; not just another man or even a prince or king, but God. Fear him who has the power to cast you into Hell (Lk 12:5)
  - It is a fierce wrath on poor worms.
  - He will execute wrath without pity; no matter how crushed you are there will be no mercy. Don't bother crying for pity.
  - God calls the universe as a witness against you and as a witness of his anger.
  - It is everlasting: bad enough for one moment but for millions of ages!
  - We know that there is at least one person in this congregation who will suffer eternal damnation. If we only knew who it was we could urgently pray for them. But it is likely there are many.
  - This is a day for mercy for some who will be born again and a day of hardness of heart for those who will not.