

God is Angry with You But...  
*A Fallen World Reveals Our Rebellion*  
Hebrews 6:4–9  
*The Reality of Human Wickedness*  
September 8, 2013  
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction: Children's Sermon (dead flowers)

**Key Idea**

*Fallen Humanity typically confuses God's mercy for God's approval. Our sins reveal our rebellion and highlight the wonder of God's grace.*

**Hebrews 6:7–8**

<sup>7</sup> For *land that has drunk the rain* that often falls on it, *and produces a crop useful* to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. <sup>8</sup> **But if it bears thorns and thistles**, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and **its end is to be burned.**

II. The Obvious Reality of Human Wickedness

A. Examples Not Hard to Find

- Aaron Hernandez Pleads Not Guilty to First Degree Murder
- Suspect accused of multiple sexual assaults killed by police

**Judges 19:24–29**

<sup>24</sup> “Behold, here are my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with them what seems good to you, but against this man do not do this outrageous thing.” <sup>25</sup> But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and made her go out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until the morning. And as the dawn began to break, they let her go. <sup>26</sup> And as morning appeared, the woman came and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, until it was light. <sup>27</sup> And her master rose up in the morning, and when he opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, behold, there

was his concubine lying at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold. <sup>28</sup> He said to her, "Get up, let us be going." But there was no answer. ... <sup>29</sup> And when he entered his house, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.

"In 1933, the Jewish population of Europe stood at over nine million. Most European Jews lived in countries that Nazi Germany would occupy or influence during World War II. By 1945, the Germans and their collaborators killed nearly two out of every three European Jews as part of the "Final Solution," the Nazi policy to murder the Jews of Europe. Although Jews, whom the Nazis deemed a priority danger to Germany, were the primary victims of Nazi racism, other victims included some 200,000 Roma (Gypsies). At least 200,000 mentally or physically disabled patients, mainly Germans, living in institutional settings, were murdered in the so-called Euthanasia Program." <sup>1</sup>

**Sudanese Bishop Andudu** – "Our people feel as though the world has forgotten them. ... We continue to be bombed from the air daily. Bombs land on farms and schools, churches and mosques, clinics and markets. Innocent civilians, women and children, are killed carrying on their daily lives." <sup>2</sup>

#### 1. Pornography

"With 100,000 children estimated to be in the sex trade in the United States each year, it is clear that the total number of human trafficking victims in the U.S. reaches into the hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adults and minors and sex trafficking and labor trafficking are aggregated."<sup>3</sup>

#### 2. Abortion

#### 3. Homosexuality

#### 4. Sex Changes

### **Psalm 10:3–6**

<sup>3</sup> For *the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul*, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.usmmm.org>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.christiannewswire.com>

<sup>3</sup> **The Polaris Project.** The Polaris Project is a leading organization in the global fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

Lord. <sup>4</sup> In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, “There is no God.” <sup>5</sup> His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them. <sup>6</sup> He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.”

#### B. Evil is not Just Out There...

“If only it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?” — Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago 1918-1956*

### III. It's Worse than We Even Think!

#### A. Rebellion Revealed

1. Adam & Eve
2. Cain & Abel
3. Lamech

#### **Genesis 4:23**

<sup>23</sup> **Lamech** said to his wives: “...I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. ...”

4. Noah

#### **Genesis 6:5** (Genesis 8:21)

<sup>5</sup> The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

#### A. Are We Any Better?

#### **Romans 3:10–18**

<sup>10</sup> as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> no one understands; *no one seeks for God.* <sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” <sup>13</sup> “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” <sup>14</sup> “Their mouth is

full of curses and bitterness.”<sup>15</sup> “Their feet are swift to shed blood;<sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known.”<sup>18</sup> “There is *no fear of God* before their eyes.”

### Judges 21:25

In those days there was **no king** in Israel. Everyone did what was *right in his own eyes*.

C. Our Danger is Worse than We Can Imagine

### Psalm 5:4–6

<sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; *evil may not dwell with you*.<sup>5</sup> The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.<sup>6</sup> You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

### Hebrews 9:27

*...it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment...*

## IV. But Jesus...

### Key Idea

*Fallen Humanity typically confuses God's mercy for God's approval. But **our sins** reveal our rebellion and highlight the wonder of God's grace.*

### Hebrews 9:27–28

<sup>27</sup> And **just as** *it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,*<sup>28</sup> **so Christ**, having been *offered once to bear the sins of many,* will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but *to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*

### Psalm 5:7

<sup>7</sup> **But I,** *through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.* I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.