

The Unsparing God

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Introduction.

I. The Old Testament makes this statement about God. (Deut. 4:23, 24).

23 "So watch yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the Lord your God has commanded you.24

"For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

II. The Old Testament clearly teaches that God is a good God and He is a God of love and mercy, but it also teaches that "God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."

A. This is another way of saying that God is a unsparing God.

B. I have chosen to speak on "The Unsparing God."

I. **Spared Not The Angels** - God spared not the angels that sinned. (2 Pet. 2:4).

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

A. Peter affirms God did not spare the angels who sinned.

1. Angels are special beings God created before He created world.
2. He created them to serve and glorify Him. He created them to do His will.

B. **We do not know exactly what they did.**

1. We do know they sinned and God expelled them.
2. He expelled them from heaven and cast them into hell.

C. We do know the angels have no opportunity to be saved. (Heb. 2:16).

1. This verse may surprise or shock some.	4. There is no redemption for them.
2. Jesus did not die for fallen angels.	5. Jesus died only for man.
3. They are lost without hope.	6. He died for all men. (Heb. 2:9).

II. **Spared Not The Ancient World** - God spared not the ancient world. (2 Pet. 2:5).

5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

A. After the fall of man sin spread very rapidly.

1. The ancient world became very wicked. (Gen. 6:5-7).

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 And the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."

2. Moses informs us that the ancient world became so corrupt, so evil, so perverted that their every thought and intent were evil

B. **Likely various excuses were made for this evil.**

1. Men could shout morals are "old fashion" or "a matter of preference." They could shout "everyone is doing it."
2. But God was not persuaded or impressed by their evil or excuses. God was grieved by sinfulness and sent a flood to destroy mankind. He gave them warning, but they refused to repent.

C. **Only Noah and his family were spared.**

1. They were not spared because of God's partially.
2. They were spared because they "walked with God."
3. They were spared because they lived righteously according to God's commandments.

D. **God did not overlook the sinfulness of the ancient world, and He will not overlook our sinfulness.** (Lk. 13:3; Acts 3:19).

III. **Spared Not Sodom And Gomorrah** - God spared not Sodom and Gomorrah. (2 Pet. 2:6).

6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly thereafter;"

A. **The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is told in Genesis 18.**

1. God said to Abraham. (Gen. 18:20, 21).

20 And the Lord said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. 21 "I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

2. Though Abraham was a righteous man he did realize how bad things were in Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - a. **He thought there were a number of righteous people in those cities.**
 - b. Abraham came near and said. (Gen. 18:23-25). **Relate Gen. 18:26-33.**

B. It is sad, but not even 10 righteous people could be found in Sodom and Gomorrah. The cities were utterly and totally corrupt and God destroyed them with fire and brimstone.

C. **The message is loud and clear**, “God hates evil and will not spare those who reject Him and refuse to do His will.

IV. Spared Not His Own Son - God spared not His own Son. (Rom. 8:32).

A. God wanted to save men. He created all men to be saved. He did not want any to perish. (1 Tim. 2:4).

B. There was just one way to do it.

1. There had to be a perfect human sacrifice.	4. There was just One who could do this. (Jn. 1:29).
2. The One sacrificed had to be both Divine and human.	5. It was God’s own Son. (Rom. 8:32).
3. He had to both understand God and man.	6. God gave Jesus to die for us. (Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:10).

V. Will Not Spare Us Unless We Take Heed - God will not spare us unless we take heed. (Rom. 11:21).

A. The “natural branches” (the Jews) were the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David.

1. Salvation had been promised to Jews who believed, but most of the Jews were rejected because of sin and rejection of Jesus.

2. Being a physical descendant of Abraham had no value for salvation. (Matt. 3:9).

B. We, as Gentiles, will also be rejected if we continue in sin and rejection of Jesus.

VI. Spare Us If We Believe - God will spare us if we believe. (Jn. 3:18; 3:36).

A. God will not save those who merely believe, but He will spare those who believe in His Son.

B. Jesus died for us and it is only by trusting in Jesus and accepting His atonement that we can be saved.

C. This saving faith is faith that obeys Jesus. (Lk. 6:46; Heb. 5:9).

Conclusion.

I. Yes, God is an unsparing (unmerciful) God to those who reject and spurn Him.

II. God is a sparing (merciful) God to those who love Him and keep His commandments.

III. The first step in being spared by God is becoming a child of God. (Jn. 3:1-5).

A. Jesus taught one must be “born anew” [of water and Spirit] to enter the kingdom of God and to be spared by God.

B. Being “born anew” is not optional, but is absolutely essential for salvation.

C. Those who will be spared by God must become God’s spiritual children and live transformed lives. (Rom. 12:1,2, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18-21).

IV. Let God show His love for you and spare you by you becoming a child of God and then living for Him. Come as we stand and sing.

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