

Sermon by Rev Thomas Hooker preached at Windsor June 20, 1647 (pg. 2-7)

a sermon preached/ at Winsour by mr. hooker paster at/ harford whilest mr. waram was/ absint in the baye: the tixt 1 rom 18/ for the wrath of god is reuelled from/ heaven against all ungodlynesse and/ unrighteousnesse of men which/ hould the truth in unrighteousnesse/ In the wordes are 3 thinges to be co/ nsidered: first the condition of all men/ by natuer ugodly unrightous/ 2ly the euidens of this condission:/ they hould doune the truth in/ unrightousnesse: 3ly gods despleasu/ er against theas man manifested/ by wrath from heaven:/ the poyntes of doctring that ware/ handled ware three:/ 1. all the sonnes of adam in themselv/ es considered are ungodly and uniuist/

all men as they came from adam/ without christ they are uniuist/ 2 eph 12: haters of god 3 tit 3/ yet men may doe thinges that are out/ wardly Just and rightous, for the mat/ ter of them: yet themselves be un/ rightous and these thinges they doe/ unrightous for the manner they doe(?)/ them upon wrong principles and to/ maintains som sinfull destempers/ u. hens we may lerne what we may ex/ pect at the hands of all natrall men/ when we come to deale with them/ natrall men are uniuist men and un/ rightous man Judas was an unright/ ous man and bare the bag and then/ PAGE 2a forserued himselfe: there is ne/ ver a natrall man but will be thev/ ing if he cann do it secretly:/ 2ly. this shoues that wicked men de/ caive themsilves: and godes people/ are decaved by them but though/ no man know the uniuist yet god kno[w]/ the to be uniuist/ 3ly: this is to expect all natrall men/ not to quiat themselves in this con/ dission not for a moment for as/ death leues the so will god find the/ at Judgment:/ a second doctring: that there be stirrings/ of truth in the heartes of all men/ natrally and carnall men laber to/ let them donne: two thinges to be/ considered: what this trueth is and how/ it is stirring: this truth is those relicts/ that are lift in the mind of man from/ adam that light that discovers right/ and wrong in many thinges and is that/ consciens which is in man 3 rom 14:/ 2ly: this truth lift in the hart of man/ is but littell and weak of itsilfe/ corruption in the hart hath eaten it out/ 17 acts 27:/ 2ly. how this truth is stirring in mens/ bossums which they laber to beat donne/ 1 this serves licke a watchman to give/ warning of evell coming one and the/ hart inclining there to: as those/ marriners of Jona. 1 jona 5.6:/ 2ly: this truth serves as a guid to tea/ ch a man his way in maters of gods/ worship that it must be don acording/ to his will this the light of natuer/ teacheth 2 king 17.26: the dictat of/ their consciens tould them that their/ PAGE 3 troubles ware for not serving god aright/ 3ly. this light in mans bosom suplis that/ place of a witsnesse how shame cov/ ers a mans face in the presins of the/ that knowe his guilt: Davids consciens/ smot him: these are dutyes ses consci/ ens niglect them not: and these are/ sines ses consciens though never so se/ ceret comit them not:/ 4ly. this truth has also the forme of a/ law with it and brings a man under/ the aprehension of gods Just Judg/ ment. 2 rom 14.15. 28 acts 4:/ these truths in a mans hart are stirring/ and veri troublesom:/

u. wonder therfor at the goodnesse of god/ to man fallen that he hath not left/ him holy in darknesse with out any/ meanes to healp him but hath left/ him som recoilings of hart to recover/ him: so long as a prins leaves his imbas/ singer in another country it is a/ sine he mainetaynes peace with/ them but if he calls him home they/ must expect war: so if god leave/ us to our silves so that we put out/ this sparke o light lift in our bosom/ les us take hed god dos not prosed a/ gainst us: it was the course god toke/ with the ould world because thay/ always

resisted his dictats: therefore/ that his spirit should not alwayes strive/ with them:/ u. of
Instruction that with a watch full feare/ you give lafull atendants to the truth/ of god yea to the
least whisperings/ of consciens: littell do you think that/ when you goe away convinced in your/
consciense that there are duties to/ be atended oh take heed theas/ PAGE 3a are counsell of god
from heaven/ and you must give atendants to/ eaveary whispering: thearfore/ when god is acting
and consciens/ is acting doe you act also when/ dauids hart smot hem he toke it/ as from god so
do you: though/ these truths cannot bring a man/ to his Jorneyes eand and yet they will/ healep
him owonward his waye/ 3ly. when the truth is stirring what/ do they they hould it doune in/
unrightousnesse: for explacation/ of som things: any breach of the laue/ of god is ment by
unrightousnesse/ 2ly to hould doune the truth is as mu/ ch as to lay violent hands upon/ truth
and upon consciens and to/ say acues and con{dem}vince no more/ they do arest the truth and
impr/ isson the truth: but howe: it is in/ n unrightousnesse: that is by the/ atrocity of the sinfull
distemper/ in the soule that any parson dos/ rise up and opose any truth of god/ Doct: the third:
carnall men supres/ the power of the truth that it may/ not prevaile with them and pres/ them to
holy duties: that no light/ may com in to hinder them in their/ way they stifell consciens: when/
Lot spacke mildly they ware/ hot against him 19 gen:/ and these proud men 43 jer 2:/ when
truth dos not please them/ thou liest men that live in con/ tinuall oposition against god god/
PAGE 4 leaves them that they se nei/ ther right nor reason as a man that/ has lost all his eyes:
how men supres/ the truth and lock the truth close pris/ ner: a carnall man and unrightous hart/
because he cannot be quiat in his sinn/

he is not willing to se because he is/ not willing to do that which will cr/ ose his distemper: he
keepes him/ silfe of from the truth: and sayeth/ what need a man trouble him silfe w[i]th/ these
nissities. he winketh with his/ eyes and sayeth to the profit see/ not but speak unto us smoth
things/ a carnall hart actes like a Jayler/ confines the consciens to the chaine/ and he shall have
the liberty of that/ but no more sayeth thus fare you/ shall goe but no firder: licke blere/ eyes
that can in dewer som light/ but that the sonn should shine full/ in his face he can not indewer/
content to have it taught that a man/ should not steall by the hoyways/ but that a man must not
cussen in/ secret he cannot indewer: or such/ as cann beare to have corrupt and ro/ ten speeches
reprove[d]; but to forbid/ chamberings and wantonnesse he will/ not beare: 2ly hapily a man is
not a/ bell to avoid the light: thin a carnall/ hart will labour to dull and take of/ the eadge of the
truth and power of/ that he knowes he will put reproofs/ upon the good wayes of god flinging
fil/ th and shame upon the good {wayes} word of/ god that so it may not have welcom/ and his
hart not be taken to come/ under the power of the truth/ PAGE 4a and allso say your church
covenant/ is but a conceit taken up of some/ and that baptessem should be despe/ nst but to
children of the church/ they say it is but a conceit to pleas/ some in a singular way: and so/
discourag from the truth as imposibl/ ever to have comfort: 1 rom 28/ 2 thes.2.10: they had the
truth/ but did not lov it: but our savor/ sayeth: blessed is the man that is not/ offended at me:/
3ly. if the evidens of truth be so/ cleare that it dashes all and co/ mpels a man to come in: thin a/
carnall hart frameth new argu/ ments to over beare the power/ of the truth: balam would faine/
had alouans from god and had a/ house full of gould: and when he/ cannot git alouans thin he
fals/ to quarling and caviling:/ a carnall hart takes great conten/ tment that he can find a shift/
when a man be troubled at the evidens/ of truth he may goe fare and ne/ are to git some healep:
and if he/ can git any kind of shift he sits down/ fully satisfied as pharo sinds for the/ magissians
not that he might knowe/ the mind of god to do it but that/ he might have some plea to a/ tend

his way/ 4ly. if a man is not abell to corrupt/ the truth thin he will prosed to/ open oposition of it: whin they/ cannot till how to write the/ PAGE 5

bond of trueth thin they will breake it/ 1 Sam 8.19: we will have a king: hins/ comes this spech. all the wourld shall/ not parswad me not their arguments/ are sound but they are resolved:/ 5ly: they have so dabad consciens 4 ephe/ 18. that they are past feling. consciens/ ses nothing and they feare nothing/ 1 timo 4.2: consciens is sered with a hot/ iorn now they will deny a man the/ liberty of the prisson: the man is gro/ uin sermon profe and prisson profe:/ they master their consciens and by/ this time the sinner is lick a living/ devell: what is the reason of this what/ has the truth don that they are so/ troublid: becaus a corrupt hart lokes/ at his lus as his chef good as his god/ as mica 18 Judg 24: that is the ca/ use why they are so violent against/ the truth they will rather destroy/ the truth thin their lustes 1 Sam.4/ 8.9: when they see the truth wo/ uld make them servants to the tru/ eth against their Lusts as they cou/ nt it they will not yeald to thease/ nise commaundments: herods luste/ was nearer to him then god: so the/ scribes and pharasies dealt with the son/ slay him that the kingdom may be ou/ rs: a man cannot live in his kingdom/ of prid if truth be not beaten downe/ 2[ly] so they are desirous two have swet/ contentment in their sinnes therfore/ they will opose the trueth that will/ raise claimers of consciens and they/ shall not have quiet in their sins/ It is no marvil they so troubell/ trueth that so troubleth them/ PAGE 5a 11 rev 10. when the two witnesses ware/ slaine then the wourld mad mery/ that they ware dead that tormented the[m]/ every wicked man is the malifactor/ whome trueth witnesseth against/ ob: But how can they Impress the/ trueth that shall triumph forever/ there is a directing power it the trueth/ which may be dasht by them: but/ there is a condemning power in the/ trueth that shall stand for ever/ use: of Instruction that this followes/ as a colection undeniabl that all opo/ sers of the trueth are ever under the/ power of som corruption if they par/ sever in oposing it: he imprisons the/ truth out of prid: if it be a godly/ man that oposeth the treth for a/ pang he is pesterd with som corrup/ tion though not under the power of/ it: 3 john 20. evri man that evell/ doeth hateth the light: Jona was/ in a pang of er{illegible} for a time/ if a man parseveres in oposing the/ trueth it argues he is under the/ power of corruption: acan loved the/ wedg and balam the wages of/ inniquity and therfore went a/ gaine and againe to crosse the/ lord the pharasies out of their one/ conceit compassed sea and land to/ macke a proselite that they might/ reios in thire flesh in wining any/

one to be their followers/ 7 mat 6. who are they that trampell/ upon the parle but hoges and doges/ the one will trampell upon it and/ grunt but do nothing: but the/ doge will snarle at it: follow them/ PAGE 6 and you shall even find they even/ have their sti and kenill som bas/ lus to lodg in/ use: of examnation and triall that we/ may heare discover whether a hart/ be carnall or spirituall so how the/ hart standes to the trueth and car/ ries to the trueth 8 john 32 free/ from your corruptions and destempers/ but if he be a profest oposer of the tru/ eth he is a man that never had/ the trueth of god in his hart/ an opressor of the trueth has no/ gracious worck in trueth in sen/ cerity: this doctring condemes/ three sortes of men: politick/ professors: 2s rangling: 3s self/ consaited professors: the politic/ is a secret professor that culle/ rs over their professtion to serve/ it owen turnes whos polyci/ cuts the throt of sencerity he/ serves the times he admires/ that a man cannot cary him/ silfe free from the in tanglincs/ of the times: they are formalys/ professors he has the trueth as a chi/ ld has a bird in a string pules him to/ him and

lites goe as he will: theare be/ birds that we calle wetherwise that/ will goe or come as the
season serves/ so theas professours will have so much/ trueth as will serve his turne and that/
which will not he laies by: theare be/ some that be for any place: Ingla/ nd spaine france or
annabaptists he/ smeles the climat of the cuntri and/ knowes that ship will cary him to his/
PAGE 6a haven 8 easter many turned Jues/ 2ly. Youer wrangling professers that/ professeth
him silfe marvellously/ sealous yet one of the cunningest/ enemis that the trueth has he kisseth/
christ and betrayes truth and all this he/ dos for his seale & for god and the/ trueth and the ruel is
all he sekesh/ and he will doe any thing for it the/ trueth he cannot se will you have/ the scope of
this professor he will not/ be convince[d] of the trueth that he/ may not do the trueth that he is
con/ vinced of: for a man to confes a sinn/ and yet to stand in the commission of it/ will not
stand with morality: but this/ bears a face when a man inquires a/ way: but he is resolved not to
imbrac/ the trueth that he may not do it/ ho let the counsell of the wicke[d] be/ fare from me: 42
jrmia 20: they/ com to inquier when thay ware not be/ 21 matt 25.26.17: thay ware put to/ a
straight and com of with ly/ whin a man is convinst and will not/ com of unles he be in a
distemper/

he is a wrangler:/ 3ly the silfe consaite[d] we have an ex/ ampell of them in the 15 matt 4:5.6/
they lord it over the lawe and think/ that thire wit has the comonwelth/ in their hides and that all
mens apre/ hensions must falle in with theire/ judgments 1 timo 6.3.4. if any man/ teach
otherwise he is disseased in the/ humer of questiones he comes not up/ to the tearmes of the
trueth: in an/ unsound body when the humor gro/ wes all to one place he is sick of/ a disease all
his seale for the trueth/ PAGE 7 is to sit up him silfe/ use: of consolation and of singular com/
fort to all that are willing to inquire/ after the trueth and nothing but the/ trueth it is an evidens of
a sincer/ harte: if you are {my desiples} of the/ trueth then are you my disiples/ I have no greater
Joy thin that my/ children walke in the trueth: and {if}/ he had Joy in be houlding what a/
treasuer of Joy is it to have the injoy/ mont of it: 1 john 3.8: Demetrus/ has a good report of all
men and of the/ trueth it silfe: when trueth shall wit/ nesse before the lord in anyounes be/ halfe
and say though this pore sinful/ child: or servent: or wife or master/ has been stubborn froward or
proud in/ their places: yet I have found his/ hart upright toward the this will/ be your comfort at
the last day/ use: here we may se the right and never/ failling way of god how the hart/ may be
brought to imbrace the trueth/ labour to quit your harts of unright/ ousnesse for it is at the quarell
of un/ rightousnesse that all sutes are/ doe as peter exortes 1 peter 2.1.2. lay/ aside all malis and
guile: and doe as/ palle did that which he counted gay ne/ he counted los for christ partes mad/ in
parsecuting but that which he coun/ ted gayne he threw them all away/ as doges meat for christ:
if you have/ an heumor in your eye you must cle/ anes your stomak when Ephraim re/ nounceth
his Idoles thin he shall be/ acpte[d]: mr. Hooker was burie[d] 18 days/ after he prached this
sermon x/