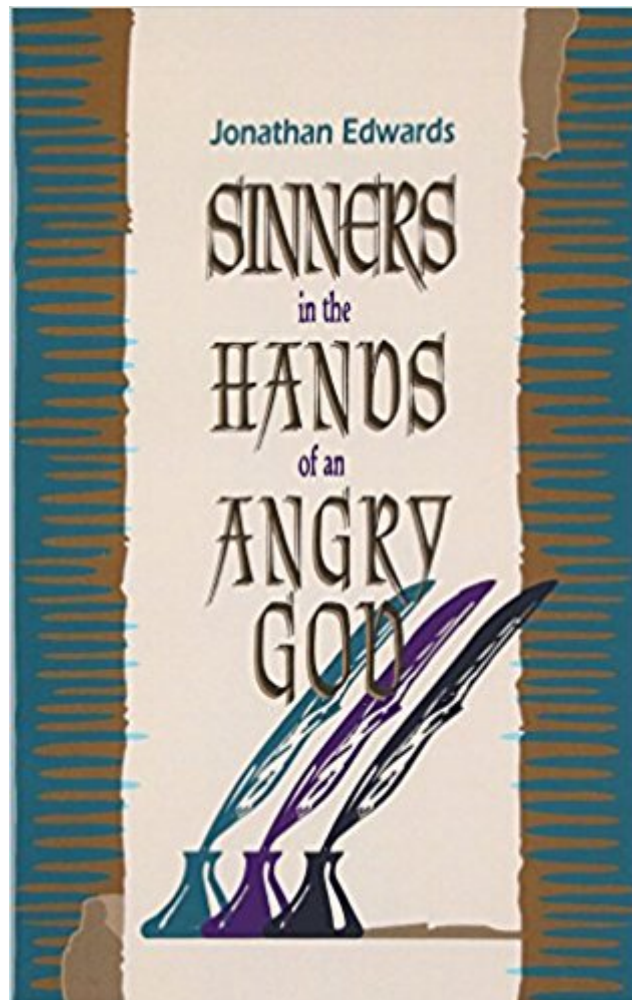




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# Sinners In The Hands Of An Angry God



## Synopsis

Delivered 250 years ago, this is the most famous sermon ever preached in the history of America. Far more than a depiction of the punishments of hell, it is a call to personal salvation through Christ and spiritual revival in our time.

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## Customer Reviews

Heaven or Hell? Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and He stands crying out to all to accept His call. Jonathan Edwards presents a clear picture of the predicament of every sinner and lukewarm Christian. Through his words, you can discover much about what it means to follow God. He shows how you can... \* Know you have God's favor \* Avoid the tricks of the Devil \* Understand more about what sin really is \* Avoid the destruction that awaits sinners \* Realize the need for immediate action \* Be an intercessor \* Find your reward in heaven With compelling words and imagery, Edwards describes the shaky position of those who do not follow Christ and God's urgent call to receive His love and forgiveness today. "Whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." --John 3:16 NIV --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) served the Northampton Congregational Church in Massachusetts for twenty-three years, then missionary outpost to the Mohawk and Mohican tribes. In 1758, he became president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), only to die a few months later due to an adverse reaction to a vaccination.

In terms of being a physical book, it's nothing special. It's just a hard copy of Edward's infamous sermon. In terms of writing, this is perhaps the greatest presentation of the gospel I have ever read. I recommend to any Christian and anyone interested in what the Bible teaches!

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God is the text of a sermon that Edwards preached to his congregation. I know of no author/preacher who is more consistently captivated by God's glory in his grace and love towards sinners, especially as manifested in the eternal joy in Him of heaven. But Edwards was also poignantly aware of the reality of hell. Hell is what we all deserve; God's eternal and infinite wrath is what we would be experiencing now and should experience for eternity if it were not in God's good pleasure to restrain Himself. God's glory in salvation and grace is made all the more glorious when his perfect and righteous wrath are manifested toward the vessels prepared for destruction. Edwards calls all hearers to recognize their powerlessness in the face of this God who is justly wrath-filled against them. Either rest secure in your position in Christ, where Christ has already absorbed this wrath and given us his righteousness securing eternity in heaven. Or be very afraid, be convicted by sin when you see just how horrible it is that a perfect God would punish it so, repent/turn, and trust in God to cleanse you from that sin, both its guilt and its power. This is an excellent sermon that I had not read in quite some time and am resolved to return to regularly. No matter who you are, you must know of the true God, both his justice and mercy.

I facilitate a weekly men's bible study and we were preparing to begin an eight week session on another book, "Heaven Revealed" by Paul Enns. It seemed a good idea that before we began to read and discuss Heaven, we should, perhaps, study a bit about Hell. So we looked at C.S. Lewis's chapter on Hell in his "The Problem of Pain," and Jonathan Edwards' "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Jonathan Edwards "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" is the transcript of his multiple-hour sermon which he delivered in Enfield, Connecticut, on July 8, 1741. Jonathan Edwards was a brilliant man who spoke with a quiet voice and who had severe myopia (nearsightedness). When he delivered his sermon, he did it hunched over and with his voice projecting downward. Never-the-less, it is said people listening were screaming in fear and grasping tightly onto pews so they wouldn't fall into destruction. Why that reaction by his hearers is a great reason to read this very special book! The entire sermon uses Deuteronomy 32:35 ("Their foot shall slide in due time...") to warn of the consequence for unbelievers. In our culture where God is so often portrayed as "love" we may forget that God is also pure and holy and has no tolerance for sin. This sermon speaks to

the this side of God and the lot of sinners who die without Christ. It isn't a pretty picture that Edwards paints. The reason this sermon is considered a Christian classic is that his words are timeless, blunt and soul-piercing. Our men's group gained immensely from the three sessions we devoted to this great book. It prepared us for the much more positive study of Heaven. I recommend it highly!

Along with the long shipping time [shipped from India], the type is small and difficult to read because of poor inking of the type, and the print is terrible.

It never ceases to amaze me how often in Christian circles I hear seasoned saints brag about this sermon by Jonathan Edwards as being among the greatest of messages ever preached. Yet many of these same church-goers are uncomfortable if a minister or evangelist speaks too plainly of sin, judgment and Hell. I doubt many have ever actually read or heard this message in its entirety. It is not an exaggeration that those who heard it delivered by Edwards himself trembled at the unadulterated Word of God with all its warnings and admonitions. And just like the true purpose of warnings and admonitions, Edwards was seeking to divert the spiritual paths of his congregants from eternal doom to everlasting life. Just as a man standing in the middle of an Interstate highway attempting to warn drivers that the bridge ahead is out and the fall is a thousand feet to their deaths, God has placed men and women in our lives to "stand in the gap" and warn the world of a just and holy God Who is motivated by love to warn those whom He values greatly.

Very enlightening. God is good.

I obtained this book because I wanted to study it as a historical document; I had paternal grandparents who were profoundly influenced by the "Second Great Awakening" of the 19th Century, in my grandmother's case quite probably through her mother. I wanted to understand the basis for their religious feeling and what seemed to me even as a child its remarkable ferocity. In Jonathan Edwards' classic sermon, I pretty much found what I was looking for. Vivid, almost-lurid description of eternal, infernal punishment of (from Edwards' standpoint) humanity's innate and inherited depravity, which just goes on and on. I can recommend the book as an historical study while holding the theology it asserts in horrified opprobrium.

This sermon grants a splendid insight into one of the great minds of early America. The religious

fervor of the Great Awakening is captured in full measure. Any understanding of the founding of the American Idea must include a deep knowledge of the Judeo-Christian beliefs and traditions brought from the Old World and re-energized with New World vibrancy by clergymen like Edwards, Cotton Mather and George Whitefield. The morality, self-discipline and pursuit of learning preached by these and countless other preachers was taken to heart by a vast majority of the founding populations of early America and was a crucial, sustaining factor in their success in establishing a civilization in the harsh wilderness

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