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The God of Free-Willism is therefore not the God of Holy Scriptures and gospel preachers. The true God does not love everyone in the same way. Rather, He hates those who go to the grave in rebellion against Him.

"For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand in your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man" (Psalm 5:4-6).

And the true God has a special love for His own people. These are they whom He of His free and sovereign grace, apart from any merit of any kind in them, chose and predestined for salvation before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:3-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:13). They are called the Israel of God in the New Testament. God says of them, "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (Jeremiah 31:3).

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