Analyze each of the following statements. Each analysis should be thorough and fully explain each of the images put forth by Jonathan Edwards. Do not forget to include the relevance of each image in terms of the goal of his sermon.

1. There are the black Clouds of God’s Wrath

now hanging directly over your Heads, full of the

dreadful Storm, and big with Thunder; and were it

not for the restraining Hand of God it would immediately

burst forth upon you.

2. Tis true, that Judgment against your evil

Works has not been executed hitherto; the Floods

of God’s Vengeance have been with-held; but your

Guilt in the mean Time is constantly increasing,

and you are every Day treasuring up more Wrath;

the Waters are continually rising an waxing more

and more mighty; and there is nothing but the meer

Pleasure of God that holds the Waters back that are

unwilling to be stopped, and press hard to go forward;

if God should only withdraw his Hand from

the Flood-Gate, it would immediately fly open,

and the fiery Floods of the Fierceness and Wrath of

God would rush forth with inconceivable Fury, and

would come upon you with omnipotent Power

3. The Bow of God’s Wrath is bent, and the Arrow

made ready on the String, and Justice bends the

Arrow at your Heart, and strains the Bow, and it is

nothing but the meer Pleasure of God, and that of

an angry God, without any Promise or Obligation

at all, that keeps the Arrow one Moment from being

made drunk with your Blood.

4. You hang by a slender Thread,

with the Flames of divine Wrath flashing about it, and

ready every Moment to singe it, and burn it asunder;

and you have no Interest in any Mediator, and nothing

to lay hold of to save yourself, nothing to keep

off the Flames of Wrath, nothing of your own, nothing

that you ever have done, nothing that you can do,

to induce God to spare you one Moment.

5. When you look forward, you shall see a long

Forever, a boundless Duration before you, which

will swallow up your Thoughts, and amaze your

Soul; and you will absolutely despair of ever having

any Deliverance, any End, any Mitigation, any

Rest at all; you will know certainly that you must

wear out long Ages, Millions of Millions of Ages,

in wrestling and conflicting with this almighty merciless

Vengeance; and then when you have so done,

when so many Ages have actually been spent by

you in this Manner, you will know that all is but a

Point to what remains.

6. Now undoubtedly it is, as it was in the Days of

*John the Baptist*, the Ax is in an extraordinary Manner

laid at the Root of the Trees, that every Tree that

brings not forth good Fruit, may be hewen down,

and cast into the Fire.