

The Wrath of God

Romans 1:18-20

There are over ___ words in the OT that refer to wrath and over _____ passages. Did you realize there are more references to the _____ of God than there are to the _____ of God?

John Murray, a 20th century theologian, defined the wrath of God as “the holy revulsion of God’s being against that which is the contradiction of his holiness.”

I. The Righteousness of God, Revealed

Last week we saw that God requires a righteousness that is impossible for human beings to manufacture. This righteousness was revealed and realized in Jesus and His cross. Remember the narrative regarding Martin Luther? He realized his efforts to be righteous would never be enough and feared the wrath of God.

II. The Wrath of God, Revealed

There are different kinds of anger. The explosive kind that is seething and reaches that point of no return. The word wrath in our text implies a _____. What is happening in a way unveils the wrath of God. John MacArthur details eternal wrath, eschatological wrath, cataclysmic wrath, and consequential wrath. However, he offers there’s one more: wrath of abandonment. We see it in 1:18-32. It is revealed as a society turns it back on God.

This wrath is from the heavens and is already falling on the ungodly and unrighteous.

III. The Truth of God, Repressed

The ungodly and unrighteous will _____ the truth, hinder it from breaking forth.

IV. The Revelation of God, Rejected

The revelation of God is not hidden, creation screams _____. An honest person understands that God divine attributes are evident in creation.

His Deity is so evident that no one has an excuse to escape His wrath. What about those who have never heard the gospel?

So, questions for us today....

Do I genuinely trust in the finished work of Christ for my salvation?

Do I understand the wrath of God is being revealed all around me?

Am I holding back the truth of God by the way I live?

If I’m concerned about those who haven’t heard the gospel but will still be held accountable, what am I willing to do?