

THE WRATH OF GOD

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INTRO: ROM. 1:16-17 Paul preached the whole counsel of God. He preached on love, mercy, and forgiveness, and he also preached on the wrath of God and eternal separation from God. Today, my message focuses on a subject that may not be as popular as God's love, but is a major part of the whole counsel of God (**ROM. 1:18**). Right after stating all men need saved, he introduces the subject of God's wrath.

The Wrath of God

Without understanding the wrath of God, our view of Him is incomplete. God is a God of love, mercy, and forgiveness, and He's also a God of justice and judgment. The rich man and Lazarus makes this clear.

Wrath Defined

God's wrath is a just and measured response to evil. Man's wrath can be petty, unpredictable, and uncontrolled. But God's wrath is a controlled response that works righteousness. (**JAMES 1:20**).

Bible Verses

JOHN 3:36 – God's wrath abides on those who don't believe in Jesus.

ROM. 2:5 NIV Wrath can be stored-up judgment against oneself.

REV. 6:16-17 NLT The day of wrath refers to the tribulation.

REV. 15:1 NLT, 16:1 NLT God's wrath will come to completion one day.

REV. 8:1 What's about to happen causes silence in heaven for 30 minutes.

Certain Facts About God's Wrath

- 1.) Is avoidable (**ROM. 5:8-9 AMPC**).
 - A.) The "wrath of God" with the definite article in Greek, anticipates the outpouring of God's wrath on rebellious sinners in the tribulation (**REV. 6:16-17**).
 - B.) **PS. 88:7** John Gill's Commentary "but the wrath of God did really lie with all the effects of it upon Christ, as the surety of His people, when He was made sin and a curse for them."
 - C.) **PS. 88:16** John Gill "The Messiah was cut off from the presence of God in a judicial way. The whole of divine wrath, in all its fierceness, passed over Him".
- 2.) Is reserved for God's enemies (**NAHUM 1:2-6 NIV**).
 - A.) Ninevah was about to suffer God's wrath. Jonah was sent to warn the people. Mercy always precedes judgment. Ninevah repented, and God's wrath was stayed.
 - B.) **EZ. 22:30-31 AMPC** God reveals His wrath for three reasons:
 - So we understand His righteous judgment.
 - To assure us all evil will be punished.
 - To teach the fear of God (**HEB. 12:28-29**).
- 3.) Is provoked (**EX. 32:7-10**).
 - A.) If it were not for the covenant and intercession, Israel would've been no more.
 - B.) The Flood, the Ten Plagues, the Fire upon Sodom, were all the results of provoking God's wrath and refusing to repent.
- 4.) God is slow to anger (**2 PET. 3:8-9 MSG**).
 - A.) Before pouring out His wrath, God offers mercy and forgiveness.
 - B.) One day, the door of mercy and grace will be closed.

Conclusion:

God is love, but He's also holy and just. His wrath is a just and measured response to evil. God's wrath was totally poured out on Jesus and no one will experience it if they receive Christ.

