

God's Wrath on Unrighteousness

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Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Actions speak louder than words...can support or deny what say.

- God is not righteous if He does not respond to evil with judgement and wrath. God is just when He pours out His wrath on the human race because we suppress the truth of God which is evident in creation and worship creature rather than Creator.

Romans 1:18-20, Job 12:7-9

- Not discover God on our own. Invisible God CHOSE to reveal self through visible creation
 - Creation clearly product of intelligent design.....not chance.
- Complexity, balance of creation shouts "divine Creator". Riot & Dance
 - Disbelief in God requires rebellion against common sense.
 - Root of evolution is not science but unrighteousness: escape account to God.

ALL know about God who made Himself known through creation.....NONE ignorant.

- evidence in all civilizations of God-conscience and have moral law.
- God's revelation through creation is not enough to save but enough to condemn all.
 - awareness of God, if not suppressed would be nurtured by God. Hebrews 11:6

ALL reject/hinder/obstruct truth about Creator's power/deity clearly revealed through creation/universe by failing to honor (glorify) and give thanks to God. Romans 1:21, Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

- On that basis ALL without excuse and rightly deserving of God's wrath. Failing to glorify/thank God leads to futile thinking and living and eventually *idolatry*.
- Futile thinking: ideologies, philosophies, theories, false religions.
- Futile thinking leads to "foolish hearts that are darkened,"

- Heart = entire inner life...intellect, emotions, will, moral choice
 - Picture of self-imposed moral and spiritual blindness.
 - Foolishly think wise not acknowledge God's existence Romans 1:22-23, Psalm 111:10, 14:1
 - Fool: not mental deficiency but spiritual and moral deficiency. gender FOOLISHNESS DISPLAYED by worshiping creature not Creator.
 - Rejecting true knowledge of God doesn't lead to atheism but idolatry.
 - idolatry = anything takes place of God's preeminence in one's life.
 - person, thing, success, wealth, family, job, sex, power, earth.
 - Imitate character of "god" we acknowledge/serve/worship.
 - If not want God who is, invent god that aligns with selfish plans/desires.
- God is just when pouring out His wrath on human race because we suppress the truth of God that is evident in creation and worship creature rather than Creator. Romans 1:18, Psalm 81:11-12
- God's hatred for sin displayed in sow/reap. STD, addicts, captivity,
 - Sin is not reward but curse: allowing more sin is judgment
 - God pulls back His restraining grace and allows us to experience natural consequences of sin. prodigal son
 - Allowing us to reap what we sow displays God's grace because He is not giving up on us but using it to lead us to repentance/salvation.
- Cross is greatest example of God's righteous wrath and proof He means what He says.
- Through faith in Jesus Christ...God's eternal future wrath for your sin poured out on Jesus.