



ROMANS 1:18-32

¹⁸ 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. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (Romans 1:18-32)

The Wrath of God

- Paul insisted that he was “not ashamed of the gospel” (Romans 1:16). That statement applies to everything Paul said about human _____ and the _____ of God (Romans 1:18-3:20).
- “God’s wrath is his revulsion against evil, his settled displeasure with sin and sinners.” (*Lexham Survey of Theology*)
- “God’s wrath in the Bible is never the capricious, self-indulgent, irritable, morally ignoble thing that human anger so often is. It is, instead, a right and necessary reaction to objective moral evil. God is only angry where anger is called for.” (JI Packer, *Knowing God*)

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- God has revealed the truth of his _____ and his _____ in the created order (Romans 1:19-20 ... Psalm 19:1-6).
- The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against those who _____ the _____ that God has revealed (Romans 1:18).
 - Sinful humanity is marked by _____ and _____ (Romans 1:18).
 - Sinful humanity has refused to _____ God or _____ God (Romans 1:21).
 - Sinful humanity has embraced _____ and _____ (Romans 1:22-23).
- God’s wrath will be revealed in the _____ of all things at the final judgment (Romans 2:5, 2:8). And, God’s wrath is being revealed even _____ in giving sinners up to their sin (Romans 1:24, 1:26, 1:28).
 - God gives people up to the “lusts of their hearts.” (Romans 1:24-25)
 - God gives people up to “dishonorable passions.” (Romans 1:26-27)
 - God gives people up to a “debased mind to do what ought not to be done.” (Romans 1:28-31)
- There is only one way to escape the wrath of God: _____ of your sin and _____ in Jesus (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).