

# The Wrath of God Revealed

## Romans 1:18-32

### Introduction

#### I The Focus Of God's Wrath

- A. The wrath of God is being revealed:
  - 1. Against all **godlessness** - Jude 1:18-19
  - 2. Against all **wickedness** - Nahum 1:3

#### II The Reason For God's Wrath

- A. Man's suppression of the **truth** - 2 Thess 2:10-12
  - 1. God has made Himself known through creation
    - a. His **eternal power** - Ps 19:1-4
    - b. His **divine** nature - Ps 19:7-11
  - 2. Men are without **excuse** - Eccl 3:11; Jn 15:22
- B. Man's rejection of God
  - 1. They refused to:
    - a. **Glorify** Him as God - Ps 10:4
    - b. Give **thanks** to Him - James 1:17
  - 2. The results:
    - a. Their thinking became **futile** - Eph 4:17-19
    - b. Their foolish hearts were darkened - Is 60:2
    - c. They became **fools** - Jer 4:22; Prov 14:1
    - c. They exchanged God for images - Dt 4:15-19
      - 1. Mortal man, birds, animals, reptiles

#### III The Wrath Of God Revealed

- A. God gave them over: - Ps 81:10-12
  - 1. To **sexual** impurity
    - a. Degrading their bodies - 1 Thess 4:3-6
  - 2. To **false** worship - 2 Th 2:10-12
    - a. They **exchanged** God's truth for a lie
    - b. They worshipped the **creation** vs. the Creator - Acts 7:40-42; Is 50:11
- B. God gave them over:
  - 1. To shameful **lusts**
    - a. Female homosexuality
    - b. **Male** homosexuality - Lev 18:22; 20:13

- 2. The consequence:
  - a. The due **penalty** for their perversion - Pr 11:21
- C. God gave them over:
  - 1. To a **depraved** mind - Jer 6:30
    - a. To do what shouldn't be done
  - 2. To every kind of **sin** - 2 Tim 3:2-5

#### IV Man's Response To God's Wrath

- A. They continue to **practice** sin - I Jn 3:6-10
- B. They **approve** of those who practice sin - 2Chn 19:2

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Have you ever been ill and not known the cause? How did you finally discover what was wrong? How is Romans 1:18-32 like a divine diagnosis of man's real problem?
2. Why is every person (even the "Pygmies in Africa") accountable to God? [Hint: Eccl 3:11; Rom 1:18-20; Acts 14:16-17]
3. One of the first steps to spiritual decline is a failure to glorify or thank God. To what extent do you glorify and thank God?
4. Another step in spiritual decline is idolatry. What forms of idolatry (anything we worship more than God) do you see practiced in our culture? [Hint: Read Col 3:5] In your life?
5. How is God's repeated action of "giving people over" (vv. 24, 26, 28) an expression of His wrath? What is God's ultimate purpose in His ever-escalating judgment of man? How could this "giving over" be understood as an act of love? Has God ever "given you over" to your sin? What happened?
6. Read John 3:36. Take a moment to acknowledge God and to thank Him for the righteous standing you have in Christ and for delivering you from His terrible wrath. Pray for an opportunity this week to share this Good News with a friend!

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