

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 _____ - Jude 1:18-19
 2. Against all _____ - Nahum 1:3

II The Reason For God's Wrath

- A. Man's suppression of the _____ - 2 Thess 2:10-12
1. God has made Himself known through creation
 - a. His eternal power - Ps 19:1-4
 - b. His _____ nature - Ps 19:7-11
 2. Men are without _____ - Eccl 3:11; Jn 15:22
- B. Man's rejection of God
1. They refused to:
 - a. _____ Him as God - Ps 10:4
 - b. Give _____ to Him - James 1:17
 2. The results:
 - a. Their thinking became _____ - Eph 4:17-19
 - b. Their foolish hearts were darkened - Is 60:2
 - c. They became _____ - 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 _____ impurity
 - a. Degrading their bodies - 1 Thess 4:3-6
 2. To _____ worship - 2 Th 2:10-12
 - a. They _____ God's truth for a lie
 - b. They worshipped the _____ vs. the Creator - Acts 7:40-42; Is 50:11
- B. God gave them over:
1. To shameful _____
 - a. Female homosexuality
 - b. _____ homosexuality - Lev18:22; 20:13

2. The consequence:
 - a. The due _____ for their perversion - Pr11:21
- C. God gave them over:
1. To a _____ mind - Jer 6:30
 - a. To do what shouldn't be done
 2. To every kind of _____ - 2 Tim 3:2-5

IV Man's Response to God's Wrath

- A. They continue to _____ sin - I Jn 3:6-10
- B. They _____ of those who practice sin - 2Chr 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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