

The Terrible Revelation of God's Holy Wrath

(Romans 1:18-32)

Scripture Reading — *Romans 1:18-32*

- A. Having described the greatness of his theme, Paul opens the ugly window on the horrific condition of the world apart from the gospel and apart from God's saving grace.
- B. But why even focus on sin?
 - 1. A superficial diagnosis can lead to _____ remedies.
 - 2. Understanding human sin and divine wrath can make you _____.
 - 3. Knowing the nature of sin and God's wrath can cause you to cherish the _____.

I. We Need His Gospel Because the Wrath of God is Being Revealed

- A. In three ways (at least) that we learn about in *Romans*.
 - 1. Universal human _____ is an ancient echo of the wrath of God.
 - 2. _____ and _____ are reverberations of God's holy wrath.
 - 3. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against the sinking _____ of human behavior (*Romans 1:18-32*).

II. Suppression of the Truth

- A. *Romans 1:18-21*
- B. This is an issue of the _____ before it is an issue of the head.

III. Idolatry — Exchanging the Glory of God for Images

- A. *Romans 1:22-23*
- B. Only God is “immortal” or “incorruptible.”

IV. Dishonorable Passions Which Lead to Impure Uses of our Bodies

- A. *Romans 1:24-27*
- B. The three-step sequence:
 - 1. Step 1 — human beings exchange God for what God has made.
 - 2. Step 2 — God hands human beings over to what they prefer.
 - 3. Step 3 — Human beings act in ways that are completely against what is “natural.”

V. Unrighteousness That Flows From a Debased Mind

- A. *Romans 1:28-32*
- B. At the root of human evil is a failure to acknowledge God and love Him above all things.