

Romans 3:25-26

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) Context of 3:25: Verses 1:18–3:20 state that all are covered in sin and are under the wrath of God.
- 2) 3:25 Jesus' sacrifice was not made in some unseen place to hide the shame or deep inside the inner chamber of the Holy of Holies. It was made openly on top of a hill, lifted high on a cross, for all the world to see.
- 3) 3:25 Some find the concept of God's wrath offensive, so they attempt to reduce its meaning. But if there is no wrath, there is no need for "propitiation."
- 4) 3:25 The only satisfaction acceptable to God had to be made by God (1 Timothy 2:6).
- 5) 3:25 God does not rush to punish, and it is not neglect on His part. It is His decision to allow these sins to be unpunished for a period of time.
- 6) 3:25 God demonstrates His righteous nature and does what justice requires because there must be atonement for sin. Christ, on the Cross, becomes the sacrifice/punishment that satisfies the righteous nature of God.
- 7) 3:25 Unless God's wrath is removed, we are still in a place of no hope.
- 8) 3:25 The Bible forces us to account for two things:
 1. God's wrath is real and it is directed towards sinners.
 2. The removal of that wrath is only possible by God Himself.

- 9) 3:26 Because a sacrifice was made and because He Himself provided the sacrifice, He is both just and the one who justifies. The righteousness of God that demanded a payment is demonstrated by His own provision of the payment.

GREEK WORDS

Hilastērion (hil-as-tay'-ree-on)—atoning victim, or (special) the lid of the Ark (in the Temple) :- mercy seat, propitiation
 Protithēmi (prot-ith'-em-ahee)—to place before, to exhibit :- set forth

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