

Rejecting God: A Nation Under Wrath

Romans 1

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1. We cannot appreciate God's grace, love, & holiness until we see the consequence of sin. Because there is sin, there is wrath – Wrath is God's active opposition to everything opposed to Him.
2. If we accept that whatever God does is righteous, we must believe His wrath is also righteous. He cannot act unrighteously.
(Romans 1:18)
3. The 'Gospel' is necessary because there is a 'Wrath of God'. Only the Gospel of Jesus brings deliverance from His wrath.
(Romans 1:16-17)
4. God cares for and loves us so much that He acts and reveals. He is actively doing something in opposition to sin.
5. Wrath from God's perspective:
 - Origin of the wrath – It is of God. God's wrath is always righteous. Wrath is the only response a Holy God can have toward evil.
(Habakkuk 1:13)
 - Timing of His wrath – It is constantly being revealed. (Romans 8:20-22)
 - Extent of the wrath – Against us all! We all have sin, it infests our world.
(Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:8)
6. When a nation forsakes God, it loses its moral compass and loses its capacity to be outraged by sin. (Romans 1:18)
7. Humanity stands guilty under God's wrath because they sin against the truth they do have, not the truth they don't have.
(Romans 1:19)
8. God giving a society over and letting them go to the uninterrupted cause and effect of sinful choices. This is the wrath of abandonment.
(Romans 1:24, 26, 28)
9. No matter how little spiritual light a culture has, God guarantees any person who sincerely seeks will find. (Jeremiah 29:13)
10. The cross shows the full measure of God's wrath. Forgiveness is as costly as the cross, and it is meaningless without wrath.
(John 1:36, Romans 5:8-9)

GREEK WORDS

Apokalupto (ap-ok-al-oop'-to) to take *off the cover, disclose* :- reveal

QUOTES

"From bondage to spiritual faith. From spiritual faith to great courage. From courage to liberty. From liberty to abundance. From abundance to selfishness. From selfishness to complacency. From complacency to apathy. From apathy to dependency. From dependency back again into bondage." -**Sir Alexander Fraser Tyler, 1813**

"There can be no surer and sadder token of an utterly prostrate moral condition than not being able to be angry with sin..." - **Dr. Richard Trench 1983**

"The lost enjoy forever the horrible freedom they have demanded and are therefore self-enslaved."
-**C.S. Lewis – 'The Problem of Pain'**

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