

The Wrath of God.

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ATTRIBUTES

A series exploring the attributes of God and discovering what they tell us about knowing Him

John 18 1:14 When he had said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley. There was an orchard there, and he and his disciples went into it. ² (Now Judas, the one who betrayed him, knew the place too, because Jesus had met there many times with his disciples.) ³ So Judas obtained a squad of soldiers and some officers of the chief priests and Pharisees. They came to the orchard with lanterns and torches and weapons.

⁴ Then Jesus, because he knew everything that was going to happen to him, came and asked them, "Who are you looking for?" ⁵ They replied, "Jesus the Nazarene." He told them, "I am he." (Now Judas, the one who betrayed him, was standing there with them.) ⁶ So when Jesus said to them, "I am he," they retreated and fell to the ground. ⁷ Then Jesus asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene." ⁸ Jesus replied, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, let these men go." ⁹ He said this to fulfill the word he had spoken, "I have not lost a single one of those whom you gave me."

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, pulled it out and struck the high priest's slave, cutting off his right ear. (Now the slave's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ But Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath! Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Jesus Before Annas ¹² Then the squad of soldiers with their commanding officer and the officers of the Jewish leaders arrested Jesus and tied him up.

¹³ They brought him first to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ (Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jewish leaders that it was to their advantage that one man die for the people.)

What is 'God's Wrath'?

"Whereas God's love is spontaneous to his own being, his wrath is a willed response to humans' wickedness."

-*Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* by Treier. P pg.955

Romans 2:4&5 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

Do we really deserve it?

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

Romans 3:22-23 There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Exhibit 1: Adam and Eve

Exhibit 2: The Israelites

Exhibit 3: John 18:3

Exhibit 4: You and I

In the cross you see the fullness of God's wrath and God's love.

John 18:11 "Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Jesus' death on the cross shows the love that God has for us and also demonstrates just how serious He takes sin and judgement.

How can you respond?

1 Corinthians 15:57 "But ***thanks be to God!*** He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Proverbs 8:13 "To fear the Lord is to ***hate evil!***"

The wrath of God is a perfection of the Divine character on which we need to meditate frequently... and that our hearts may be duly impressed by God's detestation of sin. We are ever prone to regard sin lightly, to gloss over its hideousness, to make excuses for sin. The more we study and ponder God's abhorrence of sin and His frightful vengeance upon it, the more likely we are to realize its heinousness. -*The Attributes of God* by A.W. Pink pg. 77

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