

“God’s Wrath Revealed” - Romans 1:18

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, Romans 1:18 (NKJV)

Hymns: 53, 80, 130, 175, 295, 693, 697, 722

Scared as children - Mom thunder angels bowling

I. How is God’s wrath revealed from Heaven? –

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven ... Romans 1:18 A (NKJV)

1. First literally –

A. The great flood –

⁴ For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.” Genesis 7:4 (NKJV)

B. The destruction of Sodom –

²⁴ Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. Genesis 19:24–25 (NKJV)

C. The hail upon Egypt –

²³ And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. ²⁴ So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵ And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. Exodus 9:23-25

D. Of course God has control of these things, and He uses them for His purposes –’

³ ... The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. Nahum 1:3 (NKJV)

E. *God tells Israel if they disobey His laws they will be cursed, part of the curse is seen in His control of the weather, the withdrawing of rain –*

²³ And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. ²⁴ The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed. Deuteronomy 28:23–24 (NKJV)

They are punished for moral reasons, not because they were using too much fossil fuels in their cars or factories. The global warming religion today wants to neuter God of His wrath and power, replacing him altogether with a mother-earth that celebrates immorality!

2. *God's wrath being revealed from heaven, is also referring to it coming from Himself, even His Word, the Bible, Scripture being God-breathed – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 is from Heaven –*

A. *Moses, referring to the time God gave Israel the Ten Commandments said, ³⁶ Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. Deuteronomy 4:36 (NKJV)*

God's word obviously reveals His wrath –

B. *King Josiah was concerned about God's wrath because God's Word had been neglected, not read and therefore not kept, not obeyed ...*

²¹ “Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book.” 2 Chronicles 34:21 (NKJV)

C. *God's wrath is revealed in the New Testament, even in the preaching of the Gospel, as we aim to avoid it –*

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, Matthew 3:7–8 (NKJV)

II. *What is God's wrath from Heaven revealed against? ... against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, ... Romans 1:18 B (NKJV)*

1. *Against ALL, every sin deserves God's wrath!*

2. *Ungodliness – those sins committed directly against God –*

A. *No other "gods" = ³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.*

Exodus 20:3 NKJV) *Baal, a golden or wooden idol, money, etc...*

B. *No false image of the true God -*

⁴ **"You shall not make for yourself a carved image— any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

Exodus 20:4–6 (NKJV) *The golden calf, pictures of Jesus...*

C. *No taking God's Name in vain -*

⁷ **"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Exodus 20:7 (NKJV)** *Using Jesus' Name as a curse word, or claiming to be a "Christian" but living like a devil ...*

D. *Remember the Sabbath -*

⁸ **"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. Exodus 20:3–11 (NKJV)**

"McSabbath is here – worship services that are quick, easy, convenient and user-friendly." Bruce Ray Hebrews 10:24-25

These are typically abandoned first, we do not see God with our physical eyes, and the ungodly do not care about these things!

3. *Unrighteousness refers to those sins we commit against each other, against our fellow man / or woman –*

A. Not honoring parents –

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12 (NKJV)

Today, many cartoons teach children to despise their parents ...

B. Not murdering –

13 “You shall not murder. Exodus 20:13 (NKJV)

Today - Abortion, euthanasia legalized

C. Not committing adultery

14 “You shall not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14 (NKJV)

Today, adultery okay, almost all sexual sin is celebrated and is pushed upon us –

D. Not stealing –

14 “You shall not steal. Exodus 20:15 (NKJV)

Today - In California, stealing less than \$950 worth of merchandise is considered a misdemeanor ...

E. Not bearing false witness, lying –

15 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Exodus 20:16 (NKJV)

Today - Considered a political skill and practiced by the media ...

F. Not coveting –

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.” Exodus 20: 17 (NKJV)

Today - Socialism ...

III. Why is God wrathful toward sin in mankind?

... who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, Romans 1:18 C (NKJV)

1. Sin distorts God's image in man –

A. We were created in God's image –

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV)

B. Just as Christ was beaten physically so His face was marred, so God's image has been spiritually and morally distorted by man's sin -

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; Isaiah 52:13–14 (NKJV)

2. Sin makes us LIE and distort the truth –

... who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, Romans 1:18 C (NKJV)

A. They made idols, we have the theory of evolution, both make nature, animals, creation rather than the Creator into our god (gods) ...

¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible

**God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.
Romans 1:19–23 (NKJV)**

“I suppose the reason we leapt at *The Origin of Species* was because the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores.” Julian Huxley

B. Sin makes us distort the truth about ourselves –

¹⁷ Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— Revelation 3:17 (NKJV)

C. Note, this happens even in churches ... Laodicea in the verse above ...

D. We tend to be satisfied with the most pleasant, rather than the most truthful diagnosis of our condition –

¹³ “Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone is given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the priest, Everyone deals falsely. ¹⁴ They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, ‘Peace, peace!’ When *there is* no peace. Jeremiah 6:13–14 (NKJV)

This is the revealing of WRATH is a great grace ----

3. The lies, the distortions of an ungodly world are manifold ... and destructive –

A. Evolution denies God created us

B. Atheism denies God’s existence

C. Global warming / climate change denies He (God) controls the weather

D. False gender teaching denies how God created us male & female

*These things all suppress God's truth in unrighteousness, the sad truth about our sinful condition / the glad truth about God's willingness and ability to save us, the GOD-MAN TRUTH which is Christ our Savior – **John 14:6; Revelation 3:14***

John 14:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Revelation 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

*"Truth may have many assaults, yet the fortress will survive." Thomas
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