

What is the Wrath of God to be revealed? Part 2

Romans 1:19-23; Psalm 19

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Introduction

Definition of God's Wrath –

God's wrath should be defined as His temporal displeasure and display of judgment against all human sin, whether performed by unbelievers or sinning believers.¹

Following Zane Hodges outline from his commentary – Romans: Deliverance from Wrath

1. God's Displeasure with Humanity

a. Humanity stands under God's wrath, 1:18-25

i. The declaration of this manifestation, vs. 18

ii. The cause of this manifestation, vv. 19-23

iii. The results of this manifestation, vv. 24-32²

ii. The cause of this manifestation, vv. 19-23

I. Knowing God only through His Revealing of Himself, vs. 19

Because what is known about God is manifest among them (true of all people), for God has made it known to them.

A. What is known about God is in plain view for all

- What do you know about God?

- What does God want us to know about Him?

He is the creator and sustainer of life, Gen. 1-2; Psalm 19; **Job 12:7-9**;
Prov. 3:19-20; Acts 14:15-17; 17:24-27; **Heb. 11:3**

1. **Invisible known qualities of God** - seen in Creation, vs. 20,
cp. **Ex. 33:20**; **Deut. 4:12**; John 1:18; **1 Tim. 1:17**; **Col. 15-16**; Heb.
11:27

a. **His Eternal Power**

b. **His Divine Nature**

These invisible qualities are clearly seen and understood by all men.

Men would have no excuse in rejecting this natural revelation, no excuse in ignorance of the existence of God or of sinning and so we are responsible to God in knowing Him and worshipping Him.

B. Although they knew God, vs. 21

See **Jer. 22:15-16**; **Hosea 4:1-6**; **5:4**; **6:6**; **13:4**.

In the NT, the Lord wants us to grow in knowledge, cp. **Eph. 1:17**; **Phil. 1:9**; **3:8**, **10**; **Col 1:9f**; **3:10**; **2 Pet. 1:2**.

The Scriptures give us a knowledge of God in the past (Creation), in the present (Israel, Church) and the future (New heaven & earth).

1. No giving of glory – cp. **Psalm 34:3**; **Romans 4:20**; 15:6, 9

2. No giving of thanks – cp. 1 Chron. 16:8; Psalm 105:1; Isa. 12:4; 2 Cor. 9:15; Eph. 5:20; **1 Thess. 5:18**; **Rev. 7:12**; **11:17**

3. Resulting in a thinking that is futile, **Psalm 94:11**; **Eph. 4:17-18**

4. Resulting in foolish hearts that are darkened, **Psalm 69:22-23**

C. Although they made claims, vs. 22

1. To being wise, they became fools, cp. **Jer. 10:14**; **1 Cor. 1:21**; **Gal. 4:8f**.

a. Resulting in exchange the glory of God for images, vs. 23

¹ René A. Lopez, p. 56.

² Zane C. Hodges, *Romans: Deliverance from Wrath*, ed. Robert N. Wilkin (Corinth, TX: Grace Evangelical Society, 2013), pp. 39-41

Exchanging the glory of the immortal, cp. Ex. 32; Deut. 4:15-18; Psalm
106:20; Jer. 2:11; Acts 7:41-42
Immortal, cp. 1 Tim. 1:17

1. Mortal man
2. Birds
3. Animals
4. Reptiles