

The Wrath of God

(Romans 1:18-32)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. Of man who would say, "I'd like to tell you that was the best sermon I've ever heard...but I can't."
 2. Hearing part of what one says is not sufficient to a proper understanding of one what says.
 3. God is love (1 John 4:16)...but there's more.
 4. God is also a God of wrath (Matthew 3:17; Romans 1:18).
 5. Just as it is important to speak of the love of God, for balance sake, it is also important to speak of the wrath of God.

I. God's Gospel

- A. (Romans 1:1-17).
- B. It was originated from God (Romans 1:1).
- C. It was manifested in Jesus (Romans 1:3).
- D. It was validated by the Holy Spirit (Romans 1:4).
- E. It was appropriated by obedience to the faith (Romans 1:5).

II. God's Wrath

- A. Because they knew God.
 1. (Romans 1:18-20).
 2. They suppressed this truth (Romans 1:18).
 3. It was made known to them (Romans 1:19-20).
- B. Because they exchanged God.
 1. (Romans 1:21-32).
 2. They exchanged the glory of God for idols (Romans 1:18-24).
 3. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie (Romans 1:25).
 4. Women exchanged their natural use (Romans 1:26).
 5. Men exchanged the natural use of the woman (Romans 1:27).

III. God's Judgment

- A. (Romans 1:24,26,28,32).
- B. God's temporal judgment.
 1. God gave them up to uncleanness (Romans 1:24)
 2. God gave them up to vile passions (Romans 1:26).
 3. God gave them over to a debased mind (Romans 1:28).
- C. God's eternal judgment.
 1. It is a righteous judgment (Romans 1:32).
 - a. Against the evil-doer.
 - b. Against the one who approves of those who practice evil.

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, God is good, but he is also a God of wrath.
 2. Let's not get too comfortable with God.
 3. He is still God. He is not tame or safe, but he is good.