

God's Wrath

(Romans 1:18-32)

- Introduction:
1. Usually, when one thinks of the wrath of God, we think of God's judgments upon mankind.
 - a. The Flood (Genesis 6).
 - b. Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19).
 - c. Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10).
 2. But sometimes God's wrath is experienced by God's lack of involvement.
 - a. God gave them up (Romans 1:24).
 - b. God gave them over (Romans 1:26).
 - c. God gave them over (Romans 1:28).
 3. We sometimes wonder why we are witnessing so much violence, strife, fighting, wickedness, and injustice.
 - a. This is what Habakkuk wondered (Habakkuk 1:1-4).
 - b. Not only did God answer Habakkuk's question, but he answered that same question in a different time and context.
 - c. And, are we not asking the same questions today?
 - 1) 368 school shootings since 2000.
 - 2) 53 school shootings in the last year.
 - 3) 22 school shootings already in 2022.
 4. Give attention to God's word on this matter.

I. The Wrath of God is Revealed

- A. (Romans 1:18).
- B. What brought God's wrath?
 1. ungodliness and unrighteousness (Romans 1:18).
 2. Suppressing the truth (Romans 1:18).
 - a. Is it any surprise that when the truth is suppressed the society is ungodly and unrighteous.
 3. Refusing to acknowledge God (Romans 1:19-21).
 - a. God has revealed himself to the extent that man is without excuse if he denies the existence of God.
 - b. And in our society, we not only have God's natural revelation, but his special revelation – the Bible. We are doubly without excuse.
- C. So, God's wrath is poured out on a society that refuses to acknowledge God, suppresses the truth, and lives out ungodliness and unrighteousness.

II. Three Manifestations of God's Wrath

- A. God gave them up to uncleanness and lust (Romans 1:24).
 1. Sexual immorality – a sexual revolution.
 - a. We can't escape sexual immorality today.
 - b. It's been normalized.

- 1) Pornography is so easily accessed, hardly any of our children have not been exposed to it at a young age.
 - 2) Porn stars are as popular and mainstream as movie stars.
 - c. Premarital/extramarital sexual activity is commonplace.
 - d. Some acceptable clothing would have been scandalous a generation ago and is designed to entice and arouse passions.
 - e. Everything is sensual and sexual.
- B. God gave them up to vile passions (Romans 1:26).
1. Homosexuality – a homosexual revolution.
 2. Our society is consumed with LGBTQ perversion today.
 3. Ills. Secretary of State vowed at his swearing in to fly an LGBTQ flag at every American embassy across the world.
 4. If you disagree with this, you're an extremist, a homophobe, a hater, a domestic terrorist.
 5. We are making laws to normalize and justify sin today and criminalize righteousness.
 6. When the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2013, the court said that religious objections to homosexuality come from hate.
- C. God gave them over to a depraved mind (Romans 1:28).
1. A form of insanity – thinking that is nonsensical and inconsistent.
 - a. How many genders are there?
 - b. Can men get pregnant and have babies?
 2. Today, we're making laws to normalize this sort of depraved mind.
 3. Look at the results of this depraved thinking (Romans 1:29-31).
 4. Furthermore, they know the judgment of God and still practice and approve of such things (Romans 1:32).
 - a. They make them legal.
 5. It sounds like Isaiah 5:20 – “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”

III. What Are We to Do?

- A. (Psalm 11:3).
 - B. Speak the truth and don't be silent (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
 1. It is our weapon in our warfare (Ephesians 6:17).
 2. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).
 - C. Live holy lives (John 17:15-21).
 1. Be lights to the world (Matthew 5:16).
 2. Realize we must be holy (Hebrews 12:14).
- Conclusion:
1. I'm not a prophet, so I don't know what will happen to our nation.
 2. But I do know how God has called me to live, and I know my destiny if I will obey him.