

“The Wrath of God: Deeper Reverence and Worship”
Romans 1:19-23

- Two arguments:
 - Argument #1: God’s kindness and patience toward the unbeliever is meant to lead them to repentance (Romans 2:4). The rejection of God’s kindness leads to a greater commitment to sin and worship of God’s creation leading to a greater condemnation in Hell.
 - Argument #2: The Christian should be moved by God’s goodness and truth to a deeper worship of Him. This deeper worship will be seen in savoring Christ, seeking Christ, and seeing Christ’s beauty in our growing knowledge of truth.
- Sin, God’s holiness, and the glory of Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:16-18)
 - Shallow views of sin must be rejected (Romans 3:23; 6:23; 8:13). Sin is hideous and the problem of sin is enormous (Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 2:13-15).
 - We need a giant view of God’s holiness. God is holy (Isaiah 6:3), God is unapproachable (John 14:6; Hebrews 4:16; Hebrews 12:28-29), and God’s standard is perfection (Matthew 5:20 & 48).
 - We must see Jesus as glorious and worthy of all praise and the rejection of Him is eternally inexcusable (Philippians 2:6-10; Revelation 5:9-10). Love, grace, mercy, patience, forgiveness.
 - All mankind has sinned against God (Joshua 7:20; Psalm 51:4; 2 Samuel 12:13; Judges 10:10; Jeremiah 3:25).
 - Because of our wickedness we naturally reject our knowledge of God because our natural tendency is to sin (Romans 1:18; Titus 3:3-8).
- Man is without excuse...God is revealing Himself continually and abundantly to mankind.
 - His common grace (Acts 14:17; Psalm 145:9; Luke 6:35).
 - God’s creation (Acts 17:24-25; Psalm 19:1; 1 Corinthians 8:6; John 1:3). Beauty and Awe and Wonder (Job 12:7-10; Psalm 96:11-12).
 - The order and systems of the universe: Life and death (Psalm 139:16; James 4:15); Seasons and time (Daniel 2:21; Genesis 8:22); Orbit of the planets/night and day (Psalm 104:19-23; Genesis 1:14).
 - God’s Word/Conscience (Romans 2:1-2 & 15)
 - The gospel; His kindness and severity (Romans 10:9-17)
- Conclusion:
 - *God has given us sufficient evidence of His existence. Therefore, no one has a valid excuse to reject God or say they didn’t know God existed. The problem is not an intellectual problem, it is a submission problem. True life is glorifying God!*
- Dark and futile: (Romans 1:21-22)
 - As we continue to suppress truth we become blind and callous to God. It “feels” wise but it is foolish. It is foolish to reject God’s kindness and to take on God’s wrath. It is foolish to worship the creation instead of the Creator. It is foolish to live for this world instead of eternity.
- False Worship: (Romans 1:23) We are designed to worship!
 - Men as gods (Nebuchadnezzar; Caesar; Pharaoh; Japanese/Chinese Emperors).
 - Birds as gods (Rome/Eagles; Egypt/Hawk & Stork; Aztec/Hummingbirds; Greek/Owls; Native American/Birds).
 - Animals as gods (Snakes/ Egypt & India; Tigers/East Asia & India; Cows/Egypt & India; Wolf/Rome & North America).
 - Insects as gods (Egypt/Beetles).
 - American gods (wealth, health, pleasure, comfort, sex, power, sports, education, entertainment, celebrity, witchcraft, demons, and self).

Worship: This is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham)
Christ is Mine Forevermore (City Alight)

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (Matt Boswell)
Closing song: Tis so Sweet (Various Artists)