



GRACE-POWERED LIVING

A Study of the Book of ROMANS

NO EXCUSE

Romans 1:18-19

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Introduction: In today's culture, it is politically incorrect to discuss "the wrath of God." Yet, understanding this biblical reality is the starting place for appreciating how truly "good" the good news of Jesus Christ is.

Prologue		Problem of Righteousness		Provision of Righteousness		Power of Righteousness		Program of Righteousness		Practice of Righteousness	
1:1	1:17	1:18	3:20	3:21	5	6	8	9	11	12	16

Romans 1:17 "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'But the righteous man shall live by faith.'"

Romans 3:21 "But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets."

I. The Reality of God's Wrath

Romans 1:18-19 "¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them."

A. Attitudes Toward God's Wrath

1. **Uneducated**
2. **Unimportant**
3. **Undeserved**

Psalm 2:5,12 “⁵Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury; ¹²Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!”

Psalm 78:49-51 “⁴⁹He sent upon them His burning anger, fury, and indignation, and trouble, a band of destroying angels. ⁵⁰He leveled a path for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, but gave over their life to the plague. ⁵¹And smote all the first-born in Egypt, the first issue of their virility in the tents of Ham.”

John 3:36 “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Ephesians 5:6 “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

Hebrews 10:26-27 “²⁶For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.”

B. Meaning of God's "Wrath"

1. “Thumos”
2. “Orge”

C. Expressions of God's Wrath

1. God's natural order (Romans 1:26-27)

Romans 1:26-27 “²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, ²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.”

2. God's direct intervention (2 Peter 3:1-13)

II. The Recipients of God's Wrath

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

Romans 1:20-23 “²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

III. The Reasons for God's Wrath

- A. The Unrighteous Have Received the Knowledge of God (Romans 1:20)

- B. The Unrighteous Have Rejected the Knowledge of God (Romans 1:21-22)

- C. The Unrighteous Have Replaced Their Knowledge of God (Romans 1:23)

IV. The Remedy for God's Wrath

Exodus 32:9-10 ⁹ And the Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, and behold, they are an obstinate people. ¹⁰ Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them, and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation.'"

Exodus 32:30-32 ³⁰ And it came about on the next day that Moses said to the people, 'You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the Lord, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.' ³¹ Then Moses returned to the Lord, and said, 'Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves. ³² But now, if Thou wilt, forgive their sin - and if not, please blot me out from Thy book which Thou hast written!'"

Hebrews 9:14 "How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Conclusion