

Whatever Happened to the Wrath of God?

Defective Views of God

The eager bellhop whose purpose in life is to do your bidding.

The stern schoolteacher whose destiny it was to ruin your life. He gives hard tests just to see his students suffer.

The impersonal scientist who knows everything but has no idea how to relate to common man.

The clever magician who always works miracles to entertain people. If there are no miracles, God must not be at work.

A kindly grandfather who is devoted to make life peaceful and enjoyable for his grandkids.

A Mr. fix-it. He fixes things that are wrong, but is useless for anything else. A divine "spare tire" if you will.

Many people don't want God as he is revealed in the Bible

God is a God of love, mercy, forgiveness, longsuffering and patience. God is tenderhearted, not willing that any should perish.

God is also a God of righteousness, justice, holiness and wrath.

A brief definition is: "God's resolute action in punishing sin."¹

Another definition is: It is the displeasure and indignation of divine equity against evil. It is the holiness of God stirred into activity against sin.²

¹ J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 139.

² Arthur W. Pink, *Gleanings in the Godhead*, p. 77.

God's wrath and mercy are discussed in the same passages

Psalm 2

John 3:16-18, 36

Romans 1:16-18

Romans 9:22-24

Many Christians are uncomfortable with this attribute of God. Some Christians think that they must apologize to their unbelieving friends about this subject. They view this is a blemish or blotch on his character. They are embarrassed by it. If you were witnessing to your neighbor, you'd certainly have to come up with some explanation for this doctrine or ignore it. You'd hope your friend wouldn't ask about it.

God is not embarrassed by his wrath.

References to God's Wrath

Deuteronomy 32:39-41

Nahum 1:2-3, 6

Psalm 7:11-13

Isaiah 13:9

Jeremiah 7:20

Matthew 3:12

Luke 12:4-6

Revelation 19:15ff.

Consider God's wrath!

There is no lack of power for God to send unrepentant persons into hell this very moment.

This is the wrath of the almighty God, Revelation 19:15!

God's wrath is fierce,

Revelation 19:15; Isaiah 66:15; 63:3

God's wrath is everlasting

Matthew 26:46; Mark 9:43-38; Revelation 20:10

God's wrath is just, Psalm 9:8

His is not like the wrath of man

His wrath is just and perfect. It is the right reaction to every moral evil.

Unrepentant persons deserve to be exposed to God's eternal wrath in hell, Revelation 20:11-14

Unrepentant persons are already under the wrath of God, John 3:18, Psalm 7:11.

The present wrath of God, Romans 1:18.

In the Gospel, the righteousness of God is revealed, Romans 1:16-17

In the Gospel, the wrath of God is being revealed even now, Romans 1:18

This is an "ongoing" revelation, 1:18

This is a universal revelation, 1:19, 20

All men everywhere plainly know about God, 1:19

God's invisible qualities are clearly seen, 1:20

What has mankind done with this knowledge?

Romans 1:18, 1:21, 22

How is God's wrath presently revealed?

In God's giving man over to his sinful desires, Rom 1:24, 26, 28.

Mankind gets what he wants, and the consequences of it

Sometimes, when God gives someone what he/she wants, it isn't a blessing, it is judgment.

The final wrath of God

Revelation 19:15ff

Matthew 25:46; 18:8; 9:45, 46; Jude 6, 7, 13 Rev 20:10

Consider God's Wrath and his Remedy; Psalm 2

Nations do conspire against God, 1-3

The United States

Homosexuality

You can't be an adoption agency if you discriminate against Homosexuals.

Abortion

The Bible and Prayer out of Public School

The Ten Commandments, nativity scenes

Do you hear the chants of Psalm 2:2, 3 in this?

God has done something about that, 4-9

He has placed his son on the throne to judge rebels.

It will happen and is happening

What should your response to this be 10-12?

Be wise

Be warned

Submit to the authority of God's son

Enjoy the blessedness of refuge!