

# The Wrath of God: A Forgotten Doctrine

## Romans 1:18-20

### 1A. Introduction

*“The wrath of God does not end with death. This is a truth which the preacher cannot mention without trembling, nor without wondering that he does not tremble more. The eternity of punishment is a thought which crushes the heart. You have buried the man, but you have not buried his sins. His sins live and are immortal. They have gone before him to judgment, or they will follow after him to bear their witness as to the evil of his heart and the rebellion of his life. The Lord God is slow to anger, but when He is once aroused to it, as He will be against those who finally reject His Son, He will put forth all His omnipotence to crush His enemies.” Spurgeon*

### 2A. God: the Revealer of His Wrath (vs. 18a)

1B. Paul introduces the subject of man’s sinfulness with the word “for,” to show that the doctrine of sin actually SUPPORTS the G\_\_\_\_\_ message.

2B. The phrase “revealed from heaven,” simply points to G\_\_\_\_\_ as the origin of wrath against sin.

### 3A. Man: the Recipient of God’s Wrath (vs. 18b)

1B. Ungodliness: to be without r\_\_\_\_\_ for God

2B. Unrighteousness: not l\_\_\_\_\_ or o\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Law

3B. God hates a\_\_\_\_\_ sins, and failure in one area of God’s Law makes us guilty of breaking the w\_\_\_\_\_ Law. (James 2:10)

**Walking In The Truth:** As Christians, we are responsible to live out God’s Word in our daily lives (Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:46; James 1:22-25). Upon studying and being taught God’s Word, we need to ask ourselves: How can I apply, in a practical way, the divine truths and principles of God’s Word that I have heard today? What changes do I need to make in my thoughts, attitudes, and actions in order to be more Christ-like?

4B. Man is entirely responsible for his sin because he s\_\_\_\_\_ (holds down) the Truth.

### 4A. Creation: God’s Silent Witness (vs. 19-20)

1B. God has revealed enough of Himself in c\_\_\_\_\_ to warrant man seeking after Him.

2B. People are not condemned because of knowledge they didn’t have, but because they r\_\_\_\_\_ the amount of light they did have.

3B. If a person responds to the amount of light he does have, God will provide a means for him to hear the G\_\_\_\_\_.

4B. God’s eternal p\_\_\_\_\_ is clearly seen in creation.

5B. Creation also demonstrates some aspects of God’s divine nature, such as His g\_\_\_\_\_, His love for b\_\_\_\_\_, His c\_\_\_\_\_, His i\_\_\_\_\_, and His p\_\_\_\_\_.

### 5A. Conclusion

*“Is there anybody here who is holding down the Truth to prevent its entering his heart?... Oh, sirs, when you are afraid of the Truth, you may well be afraid of hell! When you and the Truth quarrel, you had better end your fighting soon, for you will have the worst of it if you do not yield: ‘For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold down the truth in unrighteousness.’” Spurgeon*