

Beholding God's Glory: God's Wrath

Romans 1:18-21

Introduction:

Daniel 11:32 — The people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

Does God have wrath?

Old Testament — Isaiah 66:15

New Testament — Revelation 6:16

Why does God have wrath? Because of how we have responded to Him.

How have we responded to God?

God has clearly revealed Himself to us through creation, our existence, our bodies, our earth, our universe.

But we have all ignored God, rebelled against God, disobeyed God, dishonored God.

How should God respond?

God is holy — His perfections set Him infinitely above everything else that is.

God is righteous — what's right is for God to do everything to uphold and display His perfection.

When something upholds and displays His perfection — He feels love and favors it.

When something dishonors His perfection — He feels anger and punishes it.

What exactly is God's wrath?

It is His deliberate, righteous passion to punish those who dishonor His infinite glory.

It is deliberate — He is slow to anger.

It is righteous — He does not delight in punishing, but in upholding what is true, glorious, holy — Himself.

Revelation 14:9-11

How else does God pour out His wrath?

Upon Jesus. "Take this cup from me."

How should this impact us?

Praise God's righteousness.

Love the Cross.

Fear God's wrath.

Go to the lost.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Does it make sense to you that deep down inside we all know there is a God who is infinitely good, wise, and powerful? Why or why not?

Do you agree that when we sin it's like we are standing on top of Mt. Umunhum and shouting that God can't be trusted? Why or why not?

How do you feel about God's holiness and righteousness moving God to feel passionate anger towards whatever dishonors His glory? Honestly?

Which of these four are you strongest in — and which weakest — praise for God's righteousness, love for the Cross, fear of God, weeping for the lost? Why? And what can you do about it?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

