

Text: Romans 1:18-21

Subject: The Judgment of God I

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²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:18-21

1. The Subject of Divine Wrath and Judgment

- a) It is complex
- b) It is difficult to comprehend

2. Common responses

- a) Some reject this doctrine outright
- b) Others dilute it
- c) Still others refuse to discuss this Biblical doctrine

STATEMENT OF GOD'S WRATH

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Romans 1:18

1. The wrath of God

- a) It is declared
- b) It is revealed from heaven

2. Against whom is the wrath of God revealed?

- a) Against all ungodliness
- b) Against all unrighteousness
- c) Against all who suppress the truth in unrighteousness

THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

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Romans 1:19-20

1. What may be known of God is manifest in mankind
2. God has shown this to mankind
3. His invisible attributes are clearly seen
 - a) Understood by the things that are made
 - b) God's eternal power
 - c) His Godhead
4. Man is without excuse

THE DEEPER PROBLEM

Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:21

1. Man knows God
 - a) Instinctively
 - b) Intrinsically
2. But Man refuses:
 - a) To glorify Him as God
 - b) To be thankful to Him

3. What Man has become as a result:

- a) They became futile in their thoughts
- b) Their hearts were darkened

AN IMPORTANT INSIGHT

¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

John 3:18-21

1. People love darkness rather than the light
2. Their deeds are evil
3. Those who practise evil hate the light
4. They will not come to the light lest their deeds are exposed