

Normalizing Immorality & The Divine Wrath of God

Romans 1:18-23

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A. The origination of God's Wrath (v. 18a)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven..." – v. 18a

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2. It is justice for enmity with God

B. The focus of God's wrath (v. 18b)

"..against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.." – v. 18b

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C. The revelation of God's wrath (v. 19)

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 - The Flood – Gen. 6-8
 - Sodom & Gomorrah Gen. 19
 - The Plagues and Red Sea judgment on Egypt – Ex. 7-14
2. God's wrath is seen in the "sowing & reaping" principle – Gal. 6:9

II. The Reality of God's Grace and Man's Lack of Excuse (v. 20-23)

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2. Through the sustaining of nature

"And He is before all things and in Him all things consist" – Col. 1:17

B. By man's rejection hearts are hardened (v. 21)

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2. There is a point when God will cease to reveal Himself

"..but became futile in their thoughts..." – v. 21

C. Man's hardness leads to idolatry (v. 22-23)

1. There is the misconception of their wisdom
2. There is the misdirection of their worship

III. The Reality of God's Abandonment (v. 24-32)

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2. The heart that is naturally wicked

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C. God will abandon man to a reprobate mind (v. 28-32)

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