

There is NO EXCUSE ~ Romans 1:18-20

→Scripture Reading Romans 1:16-20

God has REVEALED Himself through CREATION ~ Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

1- God's Wrath is not impulsive, arbitrary, or unpredictable it is not an OUT of CONTROL Rage PTW

2- God's Wrath is PARALLEL to His Righteousness

¹⁷ For in the gospel a **Righteousness FROM God is Revealed...**

¹⁸ The **WRATH** of God is being **Revealed...**

The flip side of God's righteousness is His wrath against evil. LAB

3- God's Wrath is directed AGAINST Wickedness and Godlessness

They are constantly attempting to suppress the truth BY unwaveringly holding on to their sin. MacArthur

Creation reveals the EXISTENCE of a God who presides in majestic, transcendent, sustaining power. It also reveals the INFINITE distance between us (the Creatures) and HIM (the Creator). PTW

IMPLICATION

→We cannot DEFINE God's Wrath by comparing it to Human Anger

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven...

God's wrath is always a function of His having **judged** something against the standard of His righteousness. HNTC

¹⁷ For in the gospel a **righteousness FROM God is revealed**, a righteousness that is BY FAITH from first to last...

¹⁸ The **WRATH** of God is **being revealed** against ALL the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness

John 3:16-18 (HCS) For God loved the world in this way: He GAVE His One and Only Son, so that everyone who **BELIEVES in Him** will **NOT** perish but **have eternal life**. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world that He might CONDEMN the world, but that the world might be SAVED through Him.

¹⁸ **Anyone who BELIEVES in Him is NOT condemned**, but anyone who **does NOT believe is already condemned**, because he has **NOT believed** in the **NAME** of the **One and Only Son** of God.

IMPLICATION

→CREATION is a Strong Witness to the EXISTENCE of God

¹⁹ ...what may be known about God is PLAIN to them, because **God has made it plain...**

Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV) The heavens DECLARE the glory of God; the skies PROCLAIM the work of His hands. ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they DISPLAY knowledge. ³ There is NO speech or language where their voice is NOT heard.

¹⁸ The WRATH of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who SUPPRESS the TRUTH by their wickedness...

IMPLICATION

➔ No ONE will Experience God's WRATH because they did NOT Hear the Gospel

They are NOT condemned or judged because of what they did NOT KNOW

They are condemned because they REJECTED what they did KNOW

DISBELIEF requires an ACT of Rebellion against Common Sense. Mounce

Acts 14:17 (ESV) Yet He did not leave Himself without witness, for He did GOOD by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.

Ezekiel 33:11 (NLT) As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people...

Nothing is more evident about the **HEART of God** than His desire for fellowship with those **created in His image**. God wants humankind to KNOW Him. HNTC

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, [He will come just as He promised] as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, NOT wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

TAKE AWAY ??

Psalm 103:8-14 (NIV) The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.