



KNOWING GOD

THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN LIFE

Lesson 6: GOD'S WRATH

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 12:28-29

I. Introduction

II. How to reconcile God's love with God's wrath?

Answer: God's goodness demands that He also be just

J. I. Packer, “Would a God who did not react adversely to evil in His world really be morally perfect? Surely not! So far from the manifestation of God's wrath in punishing sin being morally doubtful, the thing that would be morally doubtful would be for Him not to show wrath in this way.”

The cross must be an emblem of God's righteousness before it is an emblem of redemption for sinners (Rom 3:25-26).

III. Word study

Old Testament

New Testament

IV. Seven ways God's wrath is manifest

(1) God's abiding wrath

This is God's response to the guilt of Adam and the sin of every individual.

Rom 1:18, For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Psalm 5:5-6, The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

Psalm 7:11, God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

(2) God's catastrophic wrath

This is God's response to disobedience and rebellion.

(3) God's consequential wrath

This is revealed in the principles of sowing and reaping.

Gal 6:7-8, Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption.

Hosea 8:7, For they sow the wind (unrighteousness), and they shall reap the whirlwind (God).

(4) God's Abandoning Wrath

This is God's response to continual and persistent rejection of Him.

Proverbs 1:24-31

Hosea 4:17 Ephraim is joined to idols; leave him alone.

Romans 1:24, 26, 28 – The repeated phrase, "God gave them up".

(5) God's eschatological wrath

This is God's final judgement upon sinners.

Rev 6:9-11

Rev 6:16-17

Rev 19:11-16, 17-19

(6) God's eternal wrath

This is God's perpetual punishment of sinners.

Rev. 14:9-11

Rev. 20:14-15

(7) God's redemptive wrath

This is God's incomprehensible redirection of His wrath from sinful people to His Son.

Rom 3:23-26, ²³For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

V. Conclusion