

# Wrath of God

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The Bible says,

- “O the depth of the **RICHES**, both of the **WISDOM** and **KNOWLEDGE** of God!  
how unsearchable are His **JUDGMENTS**, and His **WAYS** past finding out!” ([Rom.11:33](#))

Paul said,

- “For I have not shunned to declare unto you, **ALL** the **COUNSEL** of God.” ([Acts 20:27](#))

We **REJOICE** in God, for **ALL** that **He IS**.

We **ENJOY** hearing of God’s pleasant love, holiness, and goodness;

...But we shouldn’t **NEGLECT** to study and hear of His **OTHER** qualities,  
such as His **Wrath**, which will be the subject of the lesson this morning.

- Referencing false gods, the True God of Heaven said, “...let **THEM** rise up and help you, and **BE** your protection. See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god with Me: **I kill**, and I make alive; **I wound**, and I heal:  
neither is there any that can deliver out of My hand.  
<sup>40</sup> For I lift up My hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.  
<sup>41</sup> If I whet my glittering sword, and Mine Hand, **TAKE hold on JUDGMENT**;  
**I will render VENGEANCE** to Mine enemies,  
and will **REWARD** them, that **HATE** Me.” (that’s [Deut.32:38b-41](#))
- “God is Jealous, and the Lord **REVENGETH**;  
the Lord revengeth, and is **FURIOUS**;  
the Lord will Take VENGEANCE on His adversaries,  
and He Reserveth WRATH for His enemies.” ([Nahum 1:2](#))
- “The mountains **QUAKE** at Him, and the hills **MELT**,  
and the earth is **BURNED** at His **PRESENCE**,  
yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.  
<sup>6</sup> **WHO** can stand, before His **INDIGNATION**?  
and **WHO** can abide, in the **FIERCENESS** of His anger?  
His **FURY** is poured out like **FIRE**,  
and the **ROCKS** are thrown down **BY** Him.  
(...and in contrast) <sup>7</sup> The Lord is **GOOD**, a **STRONG HOLD** in the day of trouble;  
and He **KNOWETH** them that **Trust IN** Him.” ([Nahum 1:5-7](#))

God’s **CHARACTER** is balanced, with both a **LOVE** for good, and a **HATRED** for sin.

The Bible says of God,

- “Thou art of **PURER** eyes, than to behold **EVIL**, and **canst NOT look on INIQUITY**.” ([Habakkuk 1:13](#))

The Hebrew writer said of Jesus,

- “Thou hast **LOVED** righteousness, and **HATED** iniquity,” ([Heb.1:9a](#))

The Wrath of God, can be scene in,

## I. Old Testament Illustrations

Which included a,

### A. Universal Cleansing of the Earth

The Bible tells us,

- “God saw that the **WICKEDNESS** of man was **GREAT** in the earth, and that every **IMAGINATION** of the thoughts of his **HEART**, was **ONLY EVIL** continually.  
<sup>6</sup> And it **REPENTED** the Lord that He had **MADE** man on the earth, and it **GRIEVED** Him at His **HEART**.  
<sup>7</sup> And the Lord said, I will **DESTROY** man, whom I have **CREATED** from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it **REPENTETH** Me, that I have made them. <sup>8</sup> But **Noah** found **GRACE** in the eyes of the Lord.” ([Gen.6:5-8](#))
- “And every **LIVING** substance was **DESTROYED**, which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were **DESTROYED** from the earth: and **Noah** **ONLY** remained **ALIVE**, and they that were **WITH** him, **IN** the ark.” ([Gen.7:23](#))

O.T. Illustrations of God’s Wrath, included,

### B. Cities which were Wiped Off, The Face of the Globe

The Bible says,

- “the Lord **RAINED** upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah **BRIMSTONE** and **FIRE** from the Lord, **OUT** of heaven;  
<sup>25</sup> and He **OVERTHREW** those cities, and **ALL** the plain, and **ALL** the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.  
<sup>26</sup> But his wife (that is, Lot’s wife) **LOOKED BACK** from behind him, and she **Became a PILLAR of SALT**.” ([Gen.19:24-26](#); we should therefore, “**REMEMBER** Lot’s wife” [Lk.17:32](#))
- “and **TURNING** the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha **into ASHES**, **CONDEMNED** them with an overthrow, **MAKING** them an ensample unto those, that **AFTER** should **live UNGodly**;  
<sup>7</sup> and delivered **JUST** Lot, **VEXED** with the filthy conversation of the **WICKED**:  
<sup>8</sup> (for that **RIGHEOUS** man, dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, **VEXED** his righteous SOUL, from day to day, with their UNlawful deeds);  
<sup>9</sup> the Lord **KNOWETH** how to deliver the godly **OUT** of temptations, and to **RESERVE** the unjust, unto the **DAY of JUDGMENT**, to be **PUNISHED**.” ([2Pet.2:6-9](#))
- “Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, **GIVING** themselves **OVER** to fornication, and **GOING after** **STRANGE** flesh, are **SET FORTH**, for an example, **SUFFERING** the **VENGEANCE** of eternal **FIRE**.” ([Jude vs.7](#))

**Wrath** **CAME** on cities, **CORRUPTED** with homosexuality.

The Need was **NOT** lower taxes, welfare, or civil rights, but Ten **RIGHTEOUS** persons, with moral **SALT** (read [Gen.18:32](#)), ...**But None were found**.

O.T. Illustrations of God's Wrath, included,

### C. The Canaanites Being Cast Out

- [Deut.9:4](#) reads, "Speak **NOT** thou in thine heart, after that **the Lord thy God,** hath **CAST them OUT** from before thee, saying, For my **RIGHTEOUSNESS,** the Lord hath **brought me IN,** to **POSSESS** this land: **BUT** for the **WICKEDNESS** of these **nations,** the Lord doth **DRIVE them OUT** from before thee."

Israel did not heed the warning,

So, God's **WRATH** fell upon them, **THROUGH** wicked men.

- "The Lord shall **CAUSE** thee, to be **SMITTEN** before thine enemies: thou shalt **GO OUT** one way **AGAINST** them, and **FLEE** seven ways **BEFORE** them: and shalt be **REMOVED** into **ALL** the kingdoms of the earth.  
<sup>26</sup> And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and **NO** man shall **FRAY** them away. <sup>27</sup> The Lord will **SMITE** thee, **WITH** the botch of Egypt, and **WITH** the emeralds, and **WITH** the scab, and **WITH** the itch, whereof thou canst **NOT** be healed.  
<sup>28</sup> The Lord shall **SMITE** thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of HEART:" ([Deut.28:25-28](#))

Then **WICKED** destroyers, **DESTROYED**.

- [Isa.10:5-6](#) reads, "O Assyrian, the **ROD** of Mine **ANGER,** and the **STAFF** in their hand, is Mine **INDIGNATION**.  
<sup>6</sup> I will **SEND** him against an **HYPOCRITICAL** nation, and **AGAINST** the people of My **WRATH,** will I give him a **CHARGE,** to **TAKE** the spoil, and to **TAKE** the prey, and to **TREAD** them **DOWN,** like the **MIRE** of the streets."
- "Wherefore it shall **COME** to pass, that **WHEN** the Lord hath performed His **WHOLE** work, **UPON** mount Zion and **ON** Jerusalem, I will **PUNISH** the fruit, of the **STOUT** heart, of the king of Assyria, and (will punish) the **GLORY** of his **HIGH** looks." ([Isa.10:12](#))

O.T. Illustrations of God's Wrath, included,

### D. The JEWS Rebellion against Moses and Aaron (read [Numbers chapter 16](#))

O.T. Illustrations of God's Wrath, included,

### E. The GENTILES, in the Fall of Babylon

- "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh **CRUEL,** both with **WRATH** and fierce **ANGER,** to **LAY** the land **DESOLATE:** and He shall **DESTROY** the sinners thereof **OUT** of it.  
<sup>10</sup> For the stars of heaven, and the constellations thereof, shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.  
<sup>11</sup> And I will **PUNISH** the world for their **EVIL,** and (punish) the wicked for their **INIQUITY;** and I will Cause the **ARROGANCY** of the proud to **CEASE,** and will lay low the **HAUGHTINESS** of the terrible.  
<sup>12</sup> I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man, than the golden wedge of Ophir.  
<sup>13</sup> Therefore I will **SHAKE** the heavens, and the earth shall **REMOVE** out of her place, in the **WRATH** of the Lord of hosts, and in the **DAY** of His fierce **ANGER**:" ([Isa.13:9-13](#))

The Wrath of God, can be scene in,

## II. New Testament Illustrations

Such as the,

### A. Destruction of Jerusalem

...**BECAUSE** the Jews **DROVE OUT** christians, and **REFUSED** to allow Gospel teaching.

- [1Thess.2:14-16](#) reads, “For ye, brethren, became **FOLLOWERS** of the churches of God which in Judæa **are IN Christ Jesus**: for ye also have **SUFFERED** like things, of your **OWN countrymen**, even as **THEY have** of the **JEWS**:<sup>15</sup> who both **KILLED** the **Lord Jesus**, and their **OWN prophets**, and have **PERSECUTED** us; and they please **NOT** God, and are **CONTRARY** to all men:<sup>16</sup> **FORBIDDING** us to speak to the Gentiles, that they might be **SAVED**, to fill up their sins alway: for **the WRATH is come UPON** them (that is, Jerusalem), to the **UTTERMOST**.”
- “**WOE** to you, scribes and Pharisees, **HYPOCRITES!** For you **BUILD** the tombs for the prophets, and **DECORATE** the monuments of the righteous,<sup>30</sup> and you say, ‘If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them, in shedding the blood of the prophets.’<sup>31</sup> So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.<sup>32</sup> Fill up, then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers.” ([Matt.23:29-32](#) NASB)
- “Behold, your house (that is, Jerusalem) is being left to you **DESOLATE!**” ([Matt.23:38](#) NASB)
- “Do you **NOT see**, **ALL** these things? Truly I say to you, **NOT one STONE** here, will be **LEFT** upon another, which will not be, **TORN DOWN.**” ([Matt.24:2](#) NASB)
- “Truly I say to you, **THIS generation** (that is, Jerusalem in the 1<sup>st</sup> century) will **NOT pass away**, until **ALL** these things TAKE PLACE.” ([Matt.24:34](#) NASB)

IF the time comes, when there’s not enough SALT left, to save our country, it will go down.

- “Ye are the **SALT** of the earth: but **IF** the salt have **LOST** his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for **NOTHING**, but to be **CAST OUT**, and to be trodden UNDER FOOT of men.” ([Matt.5:13](#))
- “Righteousness EXALTETH a nation: but sin is a **REPROACH** to any people.” ([Prov.14:34](#))

Where is Rome, Babylon, and Assyria today? How much longer will the USA be in existence?

The First line of defense is **NOT** weapons, but Christians.

**WHEN** christians **FORGET** God, and **SELL OUT** to the world, the nation will **SOON** be gone.

- “The wicked shall be **TURNED** into **HELL** (Sheol), and **ALL the nations** that **FORGET God**.” ([Psa.9:17](#))
- “**EXCEPT** the Lord **KEEP** the city, the watchman waketh, but in vain.” ([Psa.127:1b](#))

The Wrath of God, will be scene,

### III. In The Future

- [Eph.5:3-6](#) reads, “fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it **NOT** be once Named among you, as becometh saints (or christians);  
<sup>4</sup> **NEITHER** filthiness, **NOR** foolish talking, **NOR** jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

<sup>5</sup> For this ye know, that **NO** whoremonger, **NOR** unclean person, **NOR** covetous man, who is an idolater, hath **ANY inheritance IN the kingdom OF Christ and OF God.**

<sup>6</sup> Let **NO** man deceive you with **VAIN** words:  
for **BECAUSE** of these things, Cometh the WRATH of God, UPON the children of DISOBEDIENCE.”

The Wrath of God, will be scene in the future against,

#### A. Individuals

- The Bible says, “**EVERY ONE** of us, shall **GIVE** account of **HIMSELF** to God.” ([Rom.14:12](#))

The Wrath of God, will be scene in the future,

#### B. Coming to the Impenitent

- The Bible says, “**the Lord Jesus** shall be Revealed FROM Heaven, WITH His MIGHTY angels,  
<sup>8</sup> IN flaming FIRE, Taking VENGEANCE on them, that **Know NOT God,**  
and (taking vengeance on them) that **Obey NOT** the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
<sup>9</sup> who shall be PUNISHED with everlasting DESTRUCTION (that is, destruction without end),  
**FROM** the presence of the **Lord,** and **FROM** the glory of **His Power;**” ([2Thess.1:7-9](#))

The Wrath of God, will be scene in the future against,

#### C. Backsliding Children

- “For IF we sin WILFULLY, after that we have Received the **KNOWLEDGE** of the **Truth,** there Remaineth NO more sacrifice for sins,  
<sup>27</sup> but a certain FEARFUL looking for, of JUDGMENT and FIERY indignation,  
which shall **DEVOUR** the adversaries.” ([Heb.10:26-27](#))

#### D. Some hold the truth back, because of their UNgodliness, or UNfaithfulness

- “For the **WRATH** of God is revealed FROM Heaven  
**AGAINST** all **UN**godliness and **UN**righteousness of men,  
who **HOLD** the Truth in **UN**righteousness;” ([Rom.1:18](#))

The Wrath of God,

#### E. May come Soon, or Late, but it WILL COME

- “**BEFORE Him,** shall be gathered ALL nations: and He shall **SEPARATE** them one from another,  
**AS** a shepherd DIVIDETH his sheep FROM the goats:” ([Matt.25:32](#))

It will be a great division.

- **The UNrighteous** “shall **GO AWAY** into Everlasting PUNISHMENT:  
but the **RIGHTEOUS,** into **LIFE** Eternal.” ([Matt.25:46](#))

We need to **CHOOSE** our side, **NOW.**

The future Wrath of God, can be scene in a,

## F. Picture of Judgment

John said,

- “I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from Whose face, the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

<sup>12</sup> And I saw the **DEAD**, small and great, stand BEFORE God; and the **BOOKS** were opened: and **ANOTHER** book was **OPENED**, which is the **BOOK of LIFE**: and the dead were **JUDGED** out of those things, which were written in the **BOOKS**, according to their WORKS.

<sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and **DEATH** and **HELL** delivered up the dead, which were in them: and they were **JUDGED** every man according to their WORKS.

<sup>14</sup> And **DEATH** and **HELL** were cast into the **LAKE of FIRE**. This is the second DEATH.

<sup>15</sup> And whosoever was **NOT** found WRITTEN in the book of LIFE was **CAST** into the lake of FIRE.” ([Rev.20:11-15](#))

God’s Wrath should be our,

## IV. Motivation to Repentance

- “Knowing therefore the **TERROR** of the Lord, we **PERSUADE** men;” ([2Cor.5:11a](#))

### A. Christ was GIVEN, that we Might ESCAPE God’s Wrath

- “and to **WAIT** for His Son **FROM** heaven, Whom He **RAISED** from the dead, even Jesus, which **DELIVERED** us, from the WRATH to COME.” ([1Thess.1:10](#))
- “For ye know the **GRACE** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, **THOUGH** He was rich, yet **FOR** your SAKES, He **BECAME** poor, that ye **THROUGH** His poverty, might be **RICH**.” ([2Cor.8:9](#))

### B. Christ is Concerned Over the Lost

- He said, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that **KILLEST** the prophets, and **STONEST** them which are sent unto thee, how **OFTEN** would I have gathered thy children **TOGETHER**, even **AS** a hen gathereth her chickens **UNDER** her wings, and **YE** would NOT!” ([Matt.23:37](#))

### C. Apostles Labored to SAVE Others

- “**WARNING** every man, and **TEACHING** every man, in **ALL** wisdom; that we may **PRESENT** every man perfect (or complete) **IN** Christ Jesus: <sup>29</sup> whereunto I also labour, **STRIVING** according to His WORKING, which worketh in me **MIGHTILY**.” ([Col.1:28-29](#))

This teaching (or gospel),

- “is the **POWER** of God, unto **SALVATION**, to every one that **BELIEVETH**;” ([Rom.1:16](#))

Today, some are willing to sacrifice their time, to **HELP** us be saved.

## D. How Could Anyone TURN Their Backs, ON These Efforts?

- As the apostle “**REASONED** of righteousness, temperance, and Judgment to COME, Felix **TREMLED**, and answered, GO thy way for this **TIME**; **WHEN** I have a convenient SEASON, I will call for thee.” ([Acts 24:25](#))

Rebels, will be made to know His Majesty.

Paul said,

- “**DESPISEST** thou the **RICHES** of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; **NOT knowing** that the **GOODNESS** of God, **LEADETH** thee to **REPENTANCE**?

<sup>5</sup> but **AFTER** thy hardness and impenitent HEART, **TREASUREST** up unto thyself, **WRATH** against the **DAY of WRATH** and **REVELATION** of the Righteous JUDGMENT of God;

<sup>6</sup> **Who** will **RENDER** to every man, according to his DEEDS:

<sup>7</sup> to them, who **BY** patient CONTINUANCE in **WELL DOING**, **SEEK** for glory and honour and immortality, ...Eternal LIFE:

<sup>8</sup> but unto them that are **CONTENTIOUS**, and **Do NOT Obey** the **TRUTH**, but **Obey UN**righteousness, ...INDIGNATION and WRATH,” ([Rom.2:4-8](#))

No one should take sin lightly, or make excuses.

- “Wherefore we **RECEIVING** a kingdom, which canNOT be moved, let us have **GRACE**, whereby we may **SERVE** God acceptably with **REVERENCE** and godly **FEAR**:  
<sup>29</sup> for our God is a Consuming FIRE.” ([Heb.12:28-29](#))

Each one, has a **CHOICE** to Make.

Are we **WILLING** to verbalize and live the **CONFESSION**, as Peter did?

- He told Jesus, “Thou art the **CHRIST**, the **SON** of the **LIVING** God.” ([Matt.16:16](#))

## V. IN-CLOSING

When the sands of our years, have finally run out,  
will we stand before God in reality, of our spiritual condition?

There will be no middle ground then, and None now.

- Jesus said, “He that is **NOT With Me**, is **AGAINST** Me; and he that gathereth **NOT With Me**, scattereth abroad.” ([Matt.12:30](#))

Meet Him **NOW**, as The Savior, **OR** in the **FUTURE**, as The Judge.

If you have a spiritual **NEED**,  
The Lord invites you to **COME**, **believing** (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6), **repenting** (Lk.13:3), **confessing** (Acts 8:37),  
and be **baptized INTO** Christ (Mk.16:16; 1Pet.3:21; Acts 22:16),  
as **TOGETHER** we stand and sing.

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