

The Wrath of God!

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"Because there is wrath, beware lest He take you away with one blow! For a great ransom would not help you avoid it." Job 36:18

The FACT of God's Wrath

Men try to forget that there is such a thing as Divine wrath. The realization of it makes them uneasy, so they endeavor to banish all thought of it. At times they are terrified at the bare mention of God's wrath—hence their anxiety to dismiss the subject from their minds.

Others try to believe there is no such thing as God's wrath. They argue that God is loving and merciful, and therefore God's anger is merely a bogey-man with which to frighten naughty children.

But how do we know that God is loving and merciful? The heathen do not believe that He is. Nor does nature clearly and uniformly reveal the fact. The answer is, we know God to be such, because His Word so affirms. Yes, and the same Bible which tells of God's mercy, also speaks of His wrath, and as a matter of fact, refers more frequently (much more so) to His anger than it does to His love.

The fact of God's wrath is clearly revealed in the Scriptures. *"He who believes on the Son has everlasting life; but he who believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him!"* (John 3:36). *"For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men!"* (Romans 1:18). *"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience!"* (Ephesians 5:6). In these, and in other passages too numerous to mention, the fact of the Divine wrath is affirmed.

The MANIFESTATION of God's Wrath

God's wrath is not an abstract quality. God's wrath is not something that is inactive and inoperative. During Old Testament times God's wrath was openly displayed against evil-doers, notably . . . at the destruction of the human race, except for eight people in the Flood; in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone from Heaven; on the Egyptians and their haughty king, when He visited their land with plagues, slew their first born and destroyed their armies at the Red Sea; and in His dealings with the Nation of Israel, in selling them into the hands of their enemies, sending them into captivity and destroying their beloved city.

God's wrath against sin was publicly manifested at the Cross, when all His billows and waves passed over the head of the blessed Sin-Bearer! *"I have suffered Your terrors and am in despair. Your wrath has swept over me; Your terrors have destroyed me!"* was His solemn cry. (Psalm 88:15-17).

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

"A Message from Pastor Johnson"

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you,
taking the oversight thereof..."*

1st Peter 5:2

A Lamp Under a Basket.

Mark 4:24 *"And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given."*

This parable is called "A Lamp Under a Basket" because our Lord Jesus asked this question in verse 21 *"Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed?"* As Christians and especially as church members we need to understand our important responsibility to the Lord and the world. Jesus said in the "Great Commission to, *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* Matthew 28:19 It is not just the gospel we take to the world but also the entire word of God. We are to take the gospel to them so that they may be saved, but we are also to take the complete doctrine of God's word to them. How can people learn the truth of the word if "we" who have been blessed with the revelation of His word fail to teach others. God does not bless us for us to hide His word but to teach it to others. If we who are blessed do not continue to spread God's truths, then why would God continue to bless us with the truth. One problem with a lot of Christians and even churches is they have not enough, or maybe no zeal to accomplish the task that God has given us. God does not teach us to hide the truth of the word, He teaches us that we will take that truth to the world. Christians that fail to attend church are failing to study and learn God's word. Our purpose and goal should be to the Lord who graciously saved our souls and taught us His word. We are God's children and our goal in life is to surrender all to the Lord and to learn of Him and His word and to be servants to Him. The life of a Christian is to do the work of God's calling of us and working every day to serve Him. If we surrender to the will of Satan, then we drop out of church, stop studying God's word, and start caring what the world thinks. No one in our life is as important as the Lord, nothing in this life is as important as the Lord, and nothing is more pleasing as serving God. However, if we lose sight of what we are supposed to do as Christians and especially as churches then we are no longer serving the Lord. If we ever began to think of self-more than God, we have lost our calling as Believers and lost the purpose of God's command of us.

A Message from Pastor Johnson, Continued

When a Christian fails to understand the importance of church, they start going in a downhill spiral of serving God. Day by day they become less useful to God because our usefulness begins and ends in the school of higher learning, and that is the local church. The church is where you hear, it is where your biblical improvement is made. How is God going to teach you if you are not working to learn His word through His place of learning. How will others learn if we are not teaching them, we are not self-taught. Think of church as school, the more you attend the more you learn and the more you learn the more you can teach others. If our schools were as empty as our churches, then look how ignorant our society would be. We simply cannot hide our gift of learning from those that are without, and we cannot help others that are without if we are hiding our light under basket. Every believer has the responsibility to help make disciples in this world, and this all works through the Local church. However, we cannot accomplish this if we are not the light of the world and if we are hiding our light under a basket. Matthew 5:14 *"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."* How bright is your light shining, or do you have it hidden under a basket? The world is a dark place, it needs all the light we can give to it.

"Church Announcements and Upcoming Events"

- Just for our information, our Bible Conference this year will be September 20, 21 Friday night and Saturday. We have it every third Saturday of September.

