**Sermon Series:**

***How Did We Get Here?***

*(a verse-by-verse study of Romans 1, 2)*

***Coming to Terms with The Awful Wrath of God*** *(Part 1)*

**Romans 1:18-23**

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The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ here is a courtroom in which God is the presiding judge. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ that is being tried is that of the sinful condition of all mankind.

The lead \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the prosecution is Paul, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ include every member of the human race.

And the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that everyone who is without Christ, stands unrighteous before a holy God, and is thus deserving of the sentence of eternal death.

**I. The Of God’s Wrath** *(v 18a)*

* ***God’s wrath Is***  *\_\_ ­* ***anything that man has ever witnessed.***

*“*For the ***wrath*** of God…”

The Greek word that Paul used is a word that refers to “a deep-seated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against sin***;*** a holy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all that is evil***.”***

God’s wrath is not a sudden outburst of \_\_\_\_\_\_, it is a hatred toward anything that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His perfect moral character.

God’s wrath is a \_\_\_\_\_ response to that which is unholy; it is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ reaction to that which is unjust; it is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ reply to that which is impure!

* ***God’s wrath is***  *\_\_* ***with His holy character.***

*“*For the wrath ***of God***…”

To view God ***only*** as a benevolent, gracious, loving God is to only see \_\_\_\_\_ of the picture!

God’s attributes are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, He is completely consistent within Himself.

Because God is a holy God, His holiness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that He cannot tolerate unholiness!

The more a person understands about the righteousness of God, the more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they become with their own unrighteousness!

* ***God’s wrath has been***  *\_*  ***since the beginning of time.***

“For the wrath of God ***is revealed*…**”

 The phrase that’s translated ***“is revealed”*** is more accurately translated, “is constantly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ revealed.”

 What Paul was saying was that the wrath of God against sin has been clearly seen throughout the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of man.

 God doesn’t settle all accounts at the same time, but He will settle all accounts. Judgement day is coming, and it may be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than you think!

* ***God’s wrath is***  *\_\_*  ***for unrepentant, sinful human beings.***

*“…against all* ***ungodliness and unrighteousness*** *of men*…”

 The word ***“ungodliness”*** is a word that focuses on a person’s relationship to \_\_\_\_\_, and it speaks of a lack of reverence, devotion, and worship of God.

 The word ***“unrighteousness”*** is a word that focuses on a person’s relationship to other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Because God’s wrath burns against sin, it burns against those who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin!

**Conclusion:**

***Paul was determined that sinful men would understand the reality of being under the wrath of God before he ever offered the way of*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***from it!***

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