

The Final Wrath of God, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Revelation 15.
- B. The real terror in this world is not what man will do but what God will do.
- C. God is angry with the wicked every day. (2 Samuel 16, Amos 4:12, Ezekiel 18, Job 21:30)
- D. The final eschatological wrath will end human history.
- E. God is busily working to save sinners from his own wrath.
- F. Revelation 15 gives purpose and reasons for God's final wrath.

II. The angels come to inflict final plagues. They are death blows that come with deadly force.

- A. These are the worst judgments because in them the wrath of God is finished.
- B. We have anticipated this since Revelation 6 and 11:14.
- C. Wrath is a passionate outburst of anger. (Zephaniah 3:8)

III. A reason for the wrath of God is the vengeance of God.

- A. Before the throne of God is some kind of a crystal platform. Heaven is a majestic place. (Exodus 24, Ezekiel 1:22, Revelation 21:21)
- B. God will release a furious fire. (Hebrews 12:29)
- C. Those victorious over the beast are present before the throne. These are those who came through the tribulation.
- D. God sends his wrath as an act of vengeance for the way his people were treated. (Matthew 18, 25, Psalm 94, Romans 1)

Application Questions:

1. How would you explain the vengeance of God to someone having difficulty emotionally handling his wrath?

2. Why is it important that we understand that God is vengeful?

3. How can God's love and wrath coexist?
