

Reasons for the Wrath of God, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 1:18-23.
- B. The gospel begins with the wrath of God.
- C. Children are born into wrath. (Ephesians 2:3)
- D. Paul answers the question why God is justified in being angry over the sin man was born into.
- E. Pagans understood that they deserved the punishment they deserved when the ark was stolen.
- F. If God judges, then it is right that he does it.
- G. There are four reasons that God is right to judge.

II. Revelation.

- A. Revelation removes excuse from man. (Ephesians 2:12)
- B. Man cannot plead ignorance because God has made himself known through creation. (Acts 17:3)
- C. The ancients sat in awe of God revealed through creation. (John 1:9; Psalm 94:9; 143:5)
- D. General revelation is the foundation of all condemnation.

III. Rejection.

IV. Rationalization.

V. Religion.

Application Questions:

1. Why are all people subject to the wrath of God?

2. How does God reveal himself through nature?

3. How would you argue for the existence of God through nature?
