

Reasons for the Wrath of God, Part 4

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 1:19-23.
- B. There are many reasons for the wrath of God including religion.
- C. There is many attempts by man to get to God in the world, but man refuses truth at the highest level.
- D. God is angry every day against sin. In order to be right with God man must recognize how far off he is.

II. God is perfectly angry as he is perfectly loving.

- A. This is because of God's revelation to man that he rejects.
- B. Man becomes darkened in his reasoning.(Acts 26:18)
- C. Man affirms his darkness and rationalizes it. (2 Timothy 3:13; Titus 3:3; Isaiah 47:10)
- D. Man invents religion apart from the true God. (Exodus 20:1, 2 Kings 17)

III. Man is not religious because he is trying to find God—he is running away from God into a pit if idolatry through religion. (Daniel 7:5)

- A. All idolatry is really self worship because man invents idols like himself. (Isaiah 44; 8; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)
- B. Idolatry is Satan worship. (Psalm 115:4)
- C. Giving into idolatry is the first step for exchanging all that is natural.

Application Questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says a wrathful God is inconsistent with the loving picture of God given by Jesus?

2. Why is God angry with man?

3. How should Christians distinguish the religion of the world from faith in Jesus? Explain.
