

The Attributes of God ~ His Wrath

Intro: God's Wrath is the ultimate expression of His Righteousness toward the unrighteous. It is the only other option to God's Salvation.

Nahum 1:6

Who can stand before His indignation?
Who can endure the burning of His anger?
His wrath is poured out like fire
And the rocks are broken up by Him.

Deuteronomy 32

39 'See now that I, I am He,
And there is no god besides Me;
It is I who put to death and give life.
I have wounded and it is I who heal,
And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.
40 'Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven,
And say, as I live forever,
41 If I sharpen My flashing sword,
And My hand takes hold on justice,
I will render vengeance on My adversaries,
And I will repay those who hate Me.

Observation:

- Carefully read and reread the text.
- Note all persons, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions & articles.
- Ask: Who? What? When? Where? How? & Why? Find answers in the text, *only!*
- Note and mark key words and ideas, as well as their *relationships* with one another.

Note and mark

- What God's wrath is likened to. Nahum 1:6
- What God will render on His adversaries. Deuteronomy 32

Interpretation:

Nahum 1:6 Read Nahum 1:1-6. Why does Nahum introduce his book in this way?

What is the point of this passage regarding God's wrath? _____

Deuteronomy 32 According to this passage, who executes God's vengeance?

What do these passages reveal about God? _____

Note:

Nahum was God's prophet of doom to the Assyrians and their capital, Ninevah, pronouncing God's impending judgment for their idolatry and wickedness. They had avoided God's judgment years before when Jonah called them to repentance, but this time, God's wrath would be 'poured out like fire', and God's vengeance realized.

Note:

This passage is from a song Moses recited to Israel to warn them that God was a stern 'Father' who would not tolerate unfaithfulness from His children nor attacks from His enemies. Both would be met with His wrath, make no mistake about that. You can count on Him!

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Hebrew 10:

- 30 For we know Him who said,
"VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY."
And again,
"THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."
31 It is a terrifying thing
to fall into the hands of the living God.

Romans 1

- 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed
from faith to faith; as it is written,
"BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."
18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven
against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men
who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

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- What it is to fall into the 'hands of the living God.'
Hebrews 10
- Against what the wrath of God is revealed. Romans 1

Interpretation:

Hebrews 10:30-31 Read Hebrews 10:26-29. Against whom will God's vengeance fall?

What is the point of this passage? _____

Romans 1:16-18 What is the significance of verse 18 in light of the context?

How is the wrath of God 'revealed from heaven'? _____

Note:

God, here, declares that He will take vengeance on those who reject His grace. Vengeance is His and His alone! That makes His judgment guaranteed for the wicked.

No one can conceive what God's wrath will be like, but the writer's succinct description is most memorable. It will be 'a terrifying thing to fall into the the hands of the living God' who is filled with wrath toward you!

Note:

Immediately following Paul's definitive statement concerning the gospel, he abruptly inserts the topic of God's wrath. It is well placed, for God's wrath is the reason for His gospel. Faith in Christ credits the unrighteous with His righteousness so that they will never have to experience God's wrath!

Application Principles: In light of what you have learned, what **Truths** or **Principles** are taught in these texts about God's Wrath?

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Application Practicals: In light of these Truths & Principles, what will you **do** to apply them to your life **today**?

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Write out a verse from above that you would like to memorize and/or meditate upon:

From what you learned, how is God different from His creation and/or creatures?

Final Note:

God's Wrath is His righteous response toward all unrighteousness. It will be terrifying for the wicked. On the day of judgment no one will be able to escape, endure or stand. For God's vengeance is assured to all who have not exchanged their unrighteousness with the righteousness of God through faith in Christ.

*Vengeance is God's!
He will punish the evil doer!*