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God's Wrath And God's Salvation, Pt 1

Selected Passages

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SermonAudio blurb: This is the introductory sermon on a small series regarding salvation. The wrath of God is a prominent subject and focus of the Bible. Yet it is often misunderstood and diminished in modern pulpits of America. This series is designed to develop the reality of God's wrath, its justness, and the way of escape God provides through His Son, Jesus Christ.

I. Introduction.

- A. Open to Romans 1.
- B. Reflections on our trip.
 1. And during our time away, I read. I finished more books that you care to know. But the one book I did read most carefully was the bible. And the topic upon which I focused my reading in the bible was on the wrath and judgment of God.

 2. What do we make of it all? The wrath of God, the Apostle Paul says in Romans 1:18, is in a constant state of flowing out of heaven against ungodliness.

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- C. Where then is hope? All have sinned. All have and continue to fall short of God and His glory.
 - 1. And the answer is Jesus Christ.
 - 2. It is what the bible calls the ‘gospel’.
- D. Do you understand what it means to be a Christian? Do you understand what is meant when you hear about being “saved?”

E. Turn to Psalm 5.

F. So, we have the beauty and hope that God then bids us to find our salvation in Him. And that is where we find the good news, the gospel.

G. So for the rest of our time today I want to set the stage for this mini-series on God’s wrath and God’s salvation, by describing ways the gospel becomes corrupted. In other words, false gospels.

II. False Gospels.

A. Let me start with explaining the actual gospel, the actual good news.

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1. At **its core** it is simply the message that through Jesus Christ our sin and rebellion against God is resolved. There is much more to it than this, but this is key.
2. The **way** Jesus Christ resolved this problem that we cannot resolve ourselves is through His death, burial and resurrection. His death was a sacrifice as our substitute. His bodily resurrection is to secure our salvation and defeats death. So through these two acts of dying and rising our enemies of sin, Satan and death are defeated.
3. The **command** is to believe in this good news. To believe is an active event where you place your hope and trust fully and **only** upon Jesus Christ and His work.
4. The **promise** is that all who do so shall be forgiven by God and saved. They will enjoy eternal life rather than God's judgment and wrath in hell.

B. Ask Jesus into Your Heart.

1. So what's wrong with this?

C. Faith-plus works. Or grace-plus works.

1. This is easily the most common false gospel and it shows itself in many different ways.

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2. Legalism is a common expression of this false gospel. The rules you must obey that will earn the favor of God.

3. Bottom-line, this gospel is never actually good news. Because it always requires you to do something more. It never ends and the burden merely grows as you see your inability to find peace with God.

D. Prosperity

E. Social Justice.

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III. Conclusion.

- A. Let me give you two quick points on how you can examine what a person or organization is saying about religion.
 - 1. First, ask yourself, how can we be made right with God. You don't even have to define that. Just ask this question. It all can be broken down into two categories. Grace or Works. Ask what must a person do to be saved or accepted by God and the answer will make things quite clear. By grace (unearned) but then other things are added. Baptism. Vow of poverty. Fight for social justice. And so on.
 - 2. Secondly, ask who is Jesus. In every false gospel He is something other than God in human flesh. He is a spiritually evolved person who is extra spiritual and your model. He is your pathway to health or wealth. He came to set the weak free from the shackles of inequality. He is the highest angel. He is the greatest of men.
 - 3. Anything except that He is the Son of God, God in the flesh, our sin-bearer and our life-giver.
- B. Here is where I am going with this small series: today was an introduction. Then I want to show us the reality of God's wrath and the reasons for it. Then how God saves people from that wrath and finally what are the effects of salvation.

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- C. But today I want you to go home and think. What do you believe about God, His wrath and salvation? If you have questions, let us know and we can sit with you and talk about it. Drop a question to us via our website or app.

Benediction

May our gracious Father in heaven cause us to be found in Christ, clothed on in His righteousness which comes through faith from the hand of God. May we know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings as we become conformed to His death. Amen.