

THE TRUTH ABOUT SIN

Romans 1:18-25

Introduction: The idea of a God of wrath and judgment is offensive to modern man's sensibility. But what about verse 18, "the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men." God is a God of wrath: Understand what that means: Two basic Greek words: *thumos*: In English thermometer or thermos, meaning "redhot anger." Human anger. *Orge*: A settled and abiding condition. It is controlled. God's anger.

- I. **THE FIRST CHARACTERISTIC OF SIN: SUPPRESSION OF THE TRUTH V. 18-20**
 - A. The truth of God has been adequately revealed
 - 1. Through Creation
 - 2. Through Conscience
 - B. The truth of God is without excuse

- II. **THE SECOND CHARACTERISTIC OF SIN: PERVERSION OF THE TRUTH V. 21-23**
 - A. Denial of the greatness of God
 - B. Worship of Idols
 - C. Worship of self

- III. **THE THIRD CHARACTERISTIC OF SIN: PERVERSION OF LIFE V. 24-25**
 - A. Sin and evil is progressive
 - B. Sin leads to life that is contrary to the very order of creation
 - C. God avenges Himself allowing the decline of evil men and women
 - D. The wrath of God is falling all around us

Conclusion: V. 17: The righteousness of God is revealed in Christ's death on the cross.
The wrath of God is also revealed in Christ's death on the cross.