

## Orphan Sunday – The Forgotten Doctrine (The Wrath of God)

November 13, 2022

### God's Heart for the Orphan

- What Does God Have To Say?
  - God said, “I am their \_\_\_\_\_”
    - Psalm 68:5-6 **Father of the fatherless** and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
  - God said, “I am their \_\_\_\_\_”
    - Psalm 10:17b-18 O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; **you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless** and the oppressed,
- God's Plan Is Us?
  - “... Seek justice, rescue the oppressed ...” Isaiah 1:17
  - “The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.” Proverbs 28:7
  - “Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.” Psalm 106:3
- Let's Pray:
  - Pray for the orphan child
  - Pray for the child in foster care
  - Pray for the church to raise up people & families who have a heart for the orphaned and vulnerable child
  - Pray for those families in waiting to be adopted

**Text:** Romans 1:16-20

### Introduction:

**Big Idea:** If you don't understand or believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, the \_\_\_\_\_ will not thrill, empower or move you.

### 1. The gospel thrilled Paul because he understood it's \_\_\_\_\_ (16-17)

- *sōtēria* (\_\_\_\_\_) makes possible deliverance from the spiritual infection of sin.
- *Dunamis* (\_\_\_\_\_) is the Greek term from which our word dynamite is derived.
- *Dikaiosynē* (\_\_\_\_\_) a positional rightness that comes only from God.
- *Pisteuō* (\_\_\_\_\_) carries the basic idea of trusting in, relying on, having faith in.
- Paul understood that the gospel is not mere words but the power of God unto salvation dependent upon the righteousness of God (the key to our being saved). This is the theme for the rest of the book of Romans.

### 2. The wrath of God gripped Paul because he understood the \_\_\_\_\_ of it (18-20)

- Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.
- God's wrath is his settled hostility toward sin in all its various manifestations
  - *Orgē* (**wrath**) refers to a settled, determined indignation
  - God's wrath = God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - God's wrath comes in two forms:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ **wrath**—In Romans 1:18, Paul says, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”

- \_\_\_\_\_ **wrath**—In Romans 2:5, Paul says, “You are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.”
- What draws God’s anger?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ means wrong attitudes toward God. A corruption of our vertical relationship with Him.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ means disregard of human rights to love, truth, justice etc. A corruption of our horizontal relationship with those around us.
- Understanding how truth is suppressed (21-23)
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  - One cannot “hold down” truth indefinitely. Truth always makes itself known!

**Truth Into Action:**

- **Be thrilled** at the power of God unleashed through the gospel.
- God’s wrath is logical, it’s His love that ought to shock & overwhelm us. **GIVE HIM YOUR ALL!**

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- When you hear the terms WRATH & GOSPEL, what thoughts come to mind?
- How may we help & pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

**Table Talk**

**Warm Up:** When was a time you or someone you know was really angry? Tell the story!

Discuss the promise and plan of God for the orphaned and vulnerable child. What are the implications of James 1:27?

Isn’t God a loving God? How could He have wrath? Is his wrath like ours when we are angry? What is the difference? What is the focus of his wrath?

What is the “truth” which the wicked people suppress?

Paul says that God’s wrath is against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. What does this tell us about God? What does this tell us about man and His relationship to God?

Paul says that man has suppressed the truth about God. Have you seen this in your life? How have you seen this in our world?

Read & discuss these specific examples of God letting people go their own way if they refuse to listen. (*Wrath*) Psalm 90:7–9; Jeremiah 25:14–16; John 3:36; Colossians 3:5–6; Psalm 81:11–12; Proverbs 1:23–31