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## TIME OF REFLECTION

“Love is an act of the will...that leads to action on behalf of its object.”

~Voddie Baucham, Dean of Theology at African Christian University (Zambia)

“A god who is all love, all grace, all mercy, no sovereignty, no justice, no holiness, and no wrath is an idol.”

~R. C. Sproul (1939-2017), theologian and pastor

“We fear men so much, because we fear God so little. One fear cures another. When man’s terror scares you, turn your thoughts to the wrath of God.”

“It is not bigotry to be certain we are right; but it is bigotry to be unable to imagine how we might possibly have gone wrong.”

~Gilbert K. Chesterton (1874-1936), English writer and literary critic

“It is not because the truth is too difficult to see that we make mistakes. It may even lie on the surface; but we make mistakes because the easiest and most comfortable course for us is to seek insight where it accords with our emotions — especially selfish ones.”

“The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie. ‘One word of truth outweighs the world.’”

“If only it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?”

~Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918-2008), novelist and famed Soviet dissident

“Truth is so obscure in these times, and falsehood so established, that, unless we love the truth, we cannot know it.”

~Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), French mathematician and thinker

“The wisdom of God devised a way for the love of God to deliver sinners from the wrath of God while not compromising the righteousness of God.”

~John Piper, Christian pastor and writer

“At the cross, God accepted his own unbreakable terms of justice.”

~Philip Yancey, American author

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## *Worship through the Word*

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### **SERMON** – “The Justice and Wrath of God”

– Rev. Don Willeman, Lead Pastor of Christ Redeemer Church of Hanover, NH

### **SERMON PASSAGE** – *Romans 1:18-32, 12:18-21 (NASB)*

#### *Romans 1*

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “But the righteous one will live by faith.”

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and they exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible mankind, of birds, four-footed animals, and crawling creatures.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up to vile impurity in the lusts of their hearts, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. <sup>25</sup> For they exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged

natural relations for that which is contrary to nature, <sup>27</sup> and likewise the men, too, abandoned natural relations with women and burned in their desire toward one another, males with males committing shameful acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

<sup>28</sup> And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a depraved mind, to do those things that are not proper, <sup>29</sup> people having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, and evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice; they are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> without understanding, untrustworthy, unfeeling, and unmerciful; <sup>32</sup> and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.

#### *Romans 12*

<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people. <sup>19</sup> Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.