Part 3

God, His Wrath, and Our Mission

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Romans 1:18-32

Our human struggle:

We do not look at this text from a position from our relationship with God.

We tend to look at it from the viewpoint of our relationship with people.

This is wrong because we make people more important than God.

Main Point: How you see God is going to shape how you apply scripture

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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

—Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)

1. God's wrath and suppressing the truth.

For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by **their unrighteousness suppress the truth**.

—*Romans 1:18 (ESV)*

What are the different types of wrath?

- 1. Eternal wrath- spending eternity in hell (Revelation 20:11-15)
- 2. Eschatological wrath- Day of the Lord (Rev. 6:16-17)
- 3. Cataclysmic wrath- Flood (Noah & the Ark, Sodom and Gomorrah)
- 4. Consequential wrath- principle of sowing and reaping-This is NOT THE LAW OF ATTRACTION.
- 5. Abandonment wrath- God removes restraint and letting people go pursue their sins. (Romans 1)

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely,** his eternal power and divine nature**, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

—Romans 1:19-20 (ESV)





For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

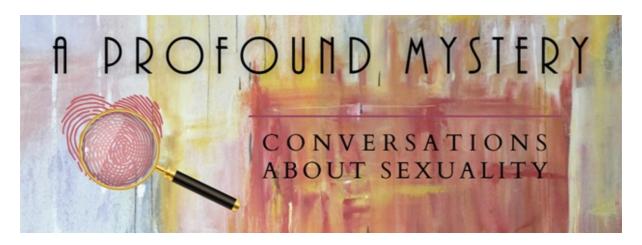
—Romans 1:21-23 (ESV)

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

—Romans 1:24-25 (ESV)

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

—Romans 1:26-27 (ESV)



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WK3- Same Sex Attraction

WK4- Gender Confusion

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of

unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

—Romans 1:28-32 (ESV)

2. The hope

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

—Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)



3. The mission

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages,

teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

-Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV)

And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

—Luke 5:30-32 (ESV)

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