

World without Restraint

Part 5

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I God's Wrath

A) **SLIDE Romans 1:18 (NIV)** ¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

B) This nation's wickedness and godlessness are suppressing the truth

1) What truth? That God exists and has made His presence plain to all people for all time in all places

2) That Jesus is THE Way, Truth, and Life

C) **SLIDE** How do they suppress the truth?

1) Evolution

a) Negates creation

b) Thus, negates the need for a Creator

c) Thus, man is in charge of everything

d) So, man decides what is right and what is wrong

e) Morals change as we change

f) Thus, we end up the following:

i) Veterans

➤ *"A four-year, traditional university is supposed to be a place of learning, of understanding, of safety and security. However, there is an element among us who may be frustrating those goals: Veterans.*

➤ *First off, many veterans openly mock the ideas of diversity and safe spaces for vulnerable members of society.*

➤ *Second, many students are frightened by the presence of veterans in their classrooms. Veterans usually have an overwhelming presence in the classroom, which can distract other students.*

- *Finally, veterans usually are associated with extremists right-wing groups such as the tea party and the NRA.*
- *That is not to say that veterans should not be allowed an education. Veterans should be allowed to attend trade schools, or maybe even community college. But, in order to protect our academic institutions, we must ban veterans from four-year universities."*

ii) President of Lipscomb University, a Christian university in Nashville

- He had to issue an apology. Why?
- He had invited some African-American students to his home for dinner
- The center piece consisted of cotton stalks
- "We were very offended," a student wrote. "My friend ... asked why there was cotton on the table as the centerpiece. His response was that he didn't know, he seen it before we did, he kind of thought it was 'fallish', THEN he said, "it ISNT INHERENTLY BAD IF WERE ALL WEARING IT."

iii) Michael Isaacson, adjunct professor at CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice

- *Some of y'all might think it [stinks] being an anti-fascist teaching at John Jay College but I think it's a privilege to teach future dead cops*
- He was placed on administrative leave

iv) More and more cities are giving non-citizens the right to vote

2) Explanations

- a) The hurricanes are a result of mother nature's anger because Trump is president or because of global warming
- b) NOT because we celebrate abortion and shout our abortions at rallies

- c) NOT because we allow sex trafficking of our children in this nation
- d) NOT because we disregard laws because we do not like them
- e) NO, because Trump is president
- 3) Racism
 - a) Every day we hear cries against racism and the evils of slavery
 - b) Yet, our children are being turned into sex slaves and sold on the auction block
 - c) Many immigrants smuggled into this nation become slaves
 - d) 21 million people worldwide are victims of forced labor (slaves) and the US is part of that trade
 - e) But all we hear about is our past
- 4) Tradition/Culture over Truth
 - a) Like the Pharisees, some value tradition over truth
 - b) The experts argue that culture determines the truth so the Bible cannot be trusted
 - c) Popular opinion trumps God's opinion
 - d) Sin is only an idea
- 5) The wickedness and godlessness suppresses the truth so we no longer look to God; instead, we blame Him
- 6) We no longer seek Him; instead, we seek those we suppress the truth

II Why is God angry?

A) Because we have no excuse

- 1) ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.
- 2) Paul is very clear: what can be known about God has been made plain to all mankind
- 3) In saying "what may be known," Paul is also telling that there are many things about God which cannot and will not be known
- 4) Thus, our need for faith and humility and willing submission

- 5) **SLIDE** We are without excuse for our sinful behavior because God has made Himself known
 - 6) Also, God's wrath is revealed on those who suppress this truth by their wickedness, godlessness, false intelligence, and idolatry
 - 7) No one - absolutely no one - comes to the knowledge of God through his or her own efforts
 - 8) God reveals Himself through all of creation; we only need to look
 - 9) Plagiarism, stealing,
- B) **SLIDE** ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.
- 1) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth in such a way as to reveal Himself to us
 - 2) Paul tells us that God's invisible qualities can be clearly seen
 - 3) So, how do we clearly see what is invisible?
- C) **SLIDE** Invisible qualities
- 1) Eternal power
 - a) Hurricanes, fires, and wind
 - b) The power contained in an atom
 - c) The power that keeps the planets in their places, that continues to expand the universe, that determines the seasons, and that determines the color of my hair
 - d) The power of nature that cannot be contained no matter how hard we try (I am not talking about Mother Nature; I am talking about Father God.)
 - e) **Luke 21:25-26 (NIV)** [Jesus said,] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.
 - 2) Divine nature
 - a) Our universe is too orderly to have happened haphazardly

- b) Science touts the "big bang" theory, but science cannot explain where the stuff that went bang originated and they cannot explain why it went "bang"
- c) History is filled with what people call coincidences that are really God incidences
- d) God's divine nature gives us justice, compassion, unconditional love, forgiveness, restoration, rebirth, hope, peace,
- e) Evolution cannot explain why leaves change colors
- f) Evolution cannot explain love or any emotion
- g) Evolution cannot explain me
- h) How did any animal survive long enough to evolve?
- i) If apes evolved into man then why do we still have apes?
- j) Why do we not see species in the midst of evolving?
- k) Napoleon, on a warship in the Mediterranean on a star-lit night, passed a group of his officers who were mocking at the idea of a God. He stopped, and sweeping his hand toward the stars, said, "Gentlemen, you must get rid of those first!"
Romans Verse-by-Verse.
- 3) Creativity
- 4) Sense of Beauty
- 5) His gentleness
- 6) His attention to detail
- D) The Case for Christ

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