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MINISTRY OF THE WORD
FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN
AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS

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SCRIPTURE READING: **ROMANS 1:18-23**

Romans 1:18-19, **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19: Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them**

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the September 4, 2022 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. The Apostle Paul lays out his missionary zeal for getting the Gospel to the people.
- b. He clearly defines the Gospel, the plan of salvation and the sinful condition of man, which necessitates the Gospel. This chapter sets the tempo for this entire Epistle.
- c. The **Book of Romans** teaches the total depravity of man and that man is irrevocably and hopelessly lost.
- d. Man must have the righteousness of God to enter into Heaven since he has no righteousness within himself.
 1. **Romans 10:3, For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**
 2. **Philippians 3:9, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:**
- e. The Bible tells us that the righteousness of man are as filthy rags before God. **Isaiah 64:6 says, But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.**
- f. This great Epistle was addressed to the local church in Rome to protect it and keep it from heresy.
- g. When we follow the history, we see it did not accomplish its desired purpose.
- h. The Roman Church moved the farthest away from the faith set forth in this Epistle.
- i. An illustration of the truth in this Epistle: **man does not understand God's ways, nor does he seek God. Romans 3:11, There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.**
- j. The Apostle Paul gives us two key verses in **Romans 1:16-17, For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17: For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**
- k. We are saved by God's grace through faith, and we must live the Christian life by God's grace through faith.
Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9: Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- l. We are not to place ourselves under the law after we have received salvation and the grace of God. **Galatians 3:24-25, Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25: But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.**
- m. We are to live and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- n. Let's see what God has for us from this great **Book of Romans.**

3. THREE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness...

1. **Romans 1:18-19, For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19: Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them**
2. There is a continuous revelation of the wrath of God revealed in both the Old and New Testaments. It has been revealed to our contemporary society.
3. God continues to express His displeasure with evil.
4. God is merciful, not because he is lenient with the sinner, but because Christ died for the sins of mankind. **2 Peter 3:9, The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**
5. The gospel is God's attitude toward sin. The gospel has made it possible for the sinner to be accepted into the family of God. **John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**
6. The sinner must have either the righteousness or the wrath of God.
7. The wrath and the righteousness of God are both revealed from Heaven. We must choose the one we want to embrace.
8. **Romans 1:18 says, For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.**
9. Ungodliness is against God. Unrighteousness is against man.
10. God tells us that withholding the truth in unrighteousness literally means "to hold down and suppress the truth." We see this in our day, but the wrath of God is revealed against people who hold the truth in unrighteousness.
11. We must be careful and know we are working according to the will and purpose of God as outlined in His Word.

b. That they are without excuse

1. **Romans 1:20, For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**
2. We live in a day and hour where many men and women make all kinds of excuses for various things. We even try to justify our evil deeds using the Bible. **Romans 2:1, Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.**
3. Many people are reluctant to come to a Bible-believing Church because they are afraid of being tainted by the so-called hypocrites who worship there.
4. What a sad commentary people allow their feelings toward others to keep them from hearing the Gospel at a Bible-believing Church, thus going to Hell.
5. God has clearly revealed two things about the universe in which we live: His person and His power. He tells us these things are clearly seen.
6. In **Psalms 8:3** it states, **When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained. Psalms 19:1 says, The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.**
7. **We know God is all-powerful.** The Bible tells us in **Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**
8. **Acts 14:17** tells us, **Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling out hearts with food and gladness.**
9. Man is the result of the direct creation of God. Let's make no mistake about this. **Mankind did not come forth as a result of any evolutionary process. Genesis 1:27, So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 5:2, Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.**
10. **Acts 17:29** says, **Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by the art of man's devices.**
11. We live in a day and hour when people call themselves atheist and agnostics; however, **Psalms**

14:1 settles the issue. **The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.**

12. Simply stated, to believe there is no God, one must be a fool as stated in the aforementioned scripture.
13. God is clear about what He has revealed to us in nature. He said in **Romans 1:20, For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.**

c. **Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**

1. **Romans 1:21-23, Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22: Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23: And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.**
2. We have much in our world today that leads people to a false conclusion.
3. Man has introduced the theory of evolution which is totally foreign to the Word of God. **Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Genesis 2:7, And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**
4. The world has led people to believe that man is improving both physically, morally, intelligently, and spiritually.
5. The Bible indicates that man is moving away from God. The world is farther from God now than it has been at any time in history.
6. **This not only applies to countries around the world, but also to our great United States of America.**
7. There is not a nationality of people that has ever lived up to the light they have available to them. Although they have knowledge of God, they have moved away from Him. **Romans 3:11, There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.**
8. The Bible gives us seven downward steps in this passage.
 - a. They glorified Him not as God.
 1. They did not give God his rightful place and man proclaims self-sufficiency within himself.
1 Corinthians 3:19, For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.
 2. There has been a suggestion that God is dead; however, we know that is a lie from the devil himself. Men and women have devised their own plan of salvation, which has resulted in a lot of false theories. **Revelation 1:18, I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**
 3. In the beginning the human family did not suggest that God was dead. They turned their back on Him and made their own gods.
 - b. Neither were they thankful
 1. Ingratitude in our day is one of the worst sins.
 2. The Bible gives us the story of ten lepers that the Lord Jesus cleansed. **Luke 17:12-19** says, **And he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off. 13: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 14: And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. 15: And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. 16: And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17: And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18: There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. 19: And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**
 3. Notice that only one of the lepers returned to give thanks to Jesus. Only ten percent were thankful. There are probably less people than that today who are thankful for God's grace and what He has done for them.

- c. They became vain in their imagination.
1. Mankind has developed a theory of evolution. What a sad state man believes he has evolved from some other creature. Where did that other creature come from?
 2. "There has been a notion put forth by some of the world's leading evolutionist, biologist, and philosophers. They say, because apes, chimps, and orangutans are so closely 'related' to man in the evolutionary scale, they should be given, in effect, a citizen's charter. Additionally, according to Professor Jared Diamond, man should be reclassified as a third species of chimpanzee." New Scientist, June 5, 1993, PP. 36-42
 3. What garbage! **Romans 1:22, Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**
 4. The Bible is very clear that God created man in his own image a living soul. **Genesis 2:7** tells us, **And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**
- d. Their foolish hearts were darkened.
1. We have moved into the darkness of paganism. We see living proof of this in many countries around the world as we do in America where man's foolish heart has been darkened.
 2. Man has devised 6,000 false ways to get to God other than through the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
 3. Many people have bought into their pernicious ways and have embraced the lying doctrine of religion. Let not any spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit. **Colossians 2:8** tells us, **Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**
- e. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.
1. We know God says in His Word in **James 1:5, If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**
 2. **2 Corinthians 3:19** tells us, **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.** From this Scripture we see that the wisdom of man is foolishness with God.
 3. Man searches for truth through logical reasoning and he arrives at philosophies that are incorrect which leads to false conclusions.
- f. Man has changed the glory of the incorruptible God into the image made by corruptible man.
1. Man has also tried to change the glory of the incorruptible God into the image of birds, four-footed beasts and creeping things.
 2. It was never intended to be that way. God created man for fellowship with Him. **1 Corinthians 1:9, God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**
 3. God is the Creator of all things and worthy of our worship. **Psalm 18:3, I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.**
 4. Idolatry is on the rampage in every area of the world.
 5. The pictures we see today of Jesus are not the likeness of Him.
 6. **2 Corinthians 5:16** tells us, **Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.**
 7. **Jesus is the glorified Christ, sitting at the right hand of the Father making intercessions for us.**
 8. No man is able to describe him in His glorified body or in His fullness as He sits at the right hand of the Father.
 9. **He is not that picture hanging on the wall. He is the glorified Christ.**
 10. There is no question that man has descended downward. He did not develop upward as people would have us believe.
 11. Man continues to get worse all the time. It is only the Gospel of the grace of God that will cause man to repent of his sins and accept the plan of salvation and the righteousness that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ must clothe us in if we are to live in heaven.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. You have heard the truth from God's Word today. It is very important that you understand God's simple plan of salvation.
- b. The Bible says in **Romans 10:9**, ***That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.***
- c. Conversion has to take place in the soul and heart of man. We must accept the finished work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on the cross where He died; He rose again for you and me; He took our sins upon himself and by His righteousness we can please God.
- d. The only case I find in the entire Bible of any man that has ever pleased God was His perfect Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. **Matthew 17:5** says, ***While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*** **2 Peter 1:17** says, ***For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*** **Matthew 3:17** says, ***And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***
- e. Today Jesus is willing, able and ready to save.
- f. Will you come to the Saviour today?
- g. Please stand.

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