

Phase Three of God's Wrath is Here

All nations, though having different territories, languages, and people traits, share the same human racial blood, Acts 17:26. But sin has deadened all minds so we can't understand God's ways. The problem is sin not skin. We are self-centered – but can be born anew into God's race.

In Romans 1, *“the wrath [righteous judgment] of God is revealed.”* Here it's a present action not a future event. As man rejects the revelation of God in creation, refusing to glorify Him, God lets societies experience their chosen darkness. He won't force belief. There are 3 patient phases of God's present wrath. His present wrath is not punishing sin but permitting sin to plague society. Present wrath is not divine intervention on sin but no intervention to stop sin's pain, Rom. 1:18-32.

PHASE 1 – Bodily Perversion. *“Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves,*

PHASE 2 – Twisted Affections (soul). *“This cause [they changed the truth of God into a lie] God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature...and...men with men,”* Rom. 1:25-27. God then allows them to change His order of marriage between man and woman and know all the suffering that goes with such, 1:27.

PHASE 3 – Damaged Minds. *“Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge [like evolution], God gave them over to a reprobate mind,*

PHASE 4 – Future Eternal Judgment. *“Treasured up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,”* Rom. 2:5. Romans 2 reveals the future phase of God's wrath – eternal judgment day. The more man is allowed to keep on sinning without instant death, the more sins he has to answer for. Thus, his eternal suffering will be more intense. Man 'getting away with it' backfired when he is righteously judged at God's throne, Rev. 20:11-15.

Man's solution is religion that gives outward moral rules – or psychology, counselling and therapy that deal with sin as a disease, disorder or an addiction – or government reformation of political injustices. The problem is that these bypass the heart, which is the source of sin and selfishness, Mark 7:18-23. Jesus said, *“All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”*

Gospel solution is bowing the knee – not to man or a cause – but to Jesus as the living Lord, Php. 2:8-11. The amazing grace is that God shows rich mercy to the one who in faith will bow the knee from their heart. Rather than the justice of judgment, God will forgive one and come into their heart (if one desires). He will do this because His beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ has fulfilled the justice against our sins and rebellion by suffering for our sins on the cross. The repentant believer is *“saved from wrath”* with a new mind, affections and body purpose, Rom. 5:9 / chap. 12.