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Introduction

The subject of the wrath of God is rarely preached anymore. This is an indication of how un-biblical today’s preaching is. As a result of this negligent preaching, many people will suffer the earthly wrath of God’s judgment and the eternal burning lake of fire. Because we care about people, we tell the truth and preach the whole Bible!

1. How Our Words Save Souls From Eternal Wrath

James 5:19-20

19 My brothers and sisters, if any among you **strays from the truth**, and **someone turns him back**, 20 let that person know that **whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way** will **save his soul** from death and **cover a multitude of sins**.

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2. Backslidden Christians Suffer It

Hebrews 6:4

4 For **it is impossible** for those who were **once enlightened**, and have **tasted the heavenly gift**, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have **tasted the good word of God** and the powers of the age to come, 6 **if they fall away**, to **renew them again to repentance**, since **they crucify again for themselves the Son of God**, and **put Him to an open shame**.

3. Stubborn People Suffer It

Romans 1:18-20

18 For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men**, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 **because what may be known of God is manifest in them**, for **God has shown it to them**.
20 For **since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen**, being **understood by the things that are made...**

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4. **What is The Wrath of God**

Wrath is defined as “**the emotional response** to perceived wrong and injustice,” often translated as “anger,” “indignation,” “vexation,” or “irritation.”

Both humans and God express wrath. But there is vast difference between the wrath of God and the wrath of man. God’s wrath is holy and always justified; man’s is never holy and rarely justified.

~ The Temporal Wrath of God

God’s earthly judgments that occur before the resurrection period.

~ The Eternal Wrath of God

The lake of fire is the final judgment reserved for unrepentant sinners.

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Revelation 20

10 And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into **the lake of fire** and sulfur **where the beast and the false prophet were**, and **they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

Revelation 21

8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

5. How Can We Avoid it?

Join the right church.

Hebrews 10:24-31

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves

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together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

1 Peter

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those

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who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now “If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”