

## **“Why God's Wrath?”**

### **Romans 1:18-23**

#### **I. DEFIANCE: "the wrath of God" (vv.18-20)**

##### **A. Condemned: "being revealed from heaven" (v.18)**

1. Irreverent: "against all ungodliness and unrighteousness"
2. Insubordinate: "who suppress the truth"

##### **B. Conscience: "is evident within them" (vv.19-20)**

1. Intimate: "known about God" (v.19)
  - a. Internally Apparent: "is evident within them"
  - b. Externally Displayed: "made it evident to them"
2. Indefensible: "they are without excuse" (v.20)
  - a. Special Revelation: "invisible...have been clearly seen"
  - b. General Revelation: "understood through what has been made"

#### **II. DISRESPECT: "they knew God" (vv.21-23)**

##### **A. Refusal: "did not honor...give thanks" (v.21a)**

1. Inconsiderate: "they did not honor Him as God"
2. Indifferent: "they did not...give thanks"

##### **B. Results: "futile...darkened...fools" (vv.21b-23)**

1. Seduced: "became futile in their speculations" (v.21b)
2. Senseless: "their foolish heart was darkened" (v.21c)
3. Stupid: "they became fools" (vv.22-23)
  - a. Assertion: "professing to be wise...fools"
  - b. Substitution: "exchanged the glory of...God"

*Next week: **Read Romans 1:24-32***