

Sermon Notes

The Wrath of God

Ephesians 5:5-7

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2 Extreme views on God's Wrath:

1. God is an angry monstrous God
2. There is no wrath in God

4 views within Christianity (OT violence)

1. God is glorified view
2. Misunderstanding view
3. Accommodation view
4. God is grieved view

Definitions of God's Wrath

"God's wrath in the Bible is never the capricious, self-indulgent, irritable, morally ignoble thing that human anger so often is. It is, instead, a right and necessary reaction to objective moral evil" - J.I Packer

- God's wrath is God's love in action against sin
- God's wrath is God allowing people to reap what they sow
- God's wrath is God respecting people's choice when they turn away from Him
- God's wrath is God's ultimate judgment on all that is not good and loving.

Jesus reveals God's heart and character to us

- John 14:7-9 John 12:45 John 1:18 Hebrews 1:1-3 Luke 6:27-36 Luke 9:54-55 John 13:34-35 Luke 23:34
- The very definition of who God is - is found at the cross - (John 4:8 1 John 3:16)
- Romans 5:8-10 Luke 6:35 Colossians 2:9

God's love requires righteous wrath

- "God's judgment is not like man's judgment. It is not a suspension of His Love but an extension of His Love. His justice is always righteous, so His judgment is always Love." — Criss Jami
- Mark 11:15-17 Revelation 19:13-16 Amos 1:13
- Wrath is to be left in God's hands not ours - Romans 12:19

God's wrath is often the pulling away of his presence

- Romans 1:18-24

God grieves when He pulls away His presence or exercises His wrath.

- Luke 19:41-44 Matthew 23:37-38 Ezekiel 33:11 Ezekiel 18:31-32
- Wrath is never God's ideal will - Lamentations 3:32-33

God is incredibly patient before He pulls His presence away or exercises His wrath

- Genesis 15:16
- Joshua 6:25 Genesis 13:13 Genesis 19:4-5 Genesis 18:20-21 Genesis 18:32 Johan 1:1-2

God's heart: Luke 15:11-16