

THE  
WRATH  
OF  
GOD

ROM.  
1:18

# WHAT IS THE “WRATH” OF GOD?

The usual word for God’s “wrath” is ὀργή (*orgē*).

“It is the temper of God towards sin, *not rage*, but the **wrath of reason and law**” (Robertson, IV:328).

“**anger exhibited in punishment**, hence used for punishment itself” (Thayer, p. 452).

“*Thumos* [another word for ‘wrath’], indicates a more **agitated condition of the feelings**, an **outburst** of wrath from inward indignation, while *orgē* suggests **a more settled or abiding condition of mind**, frequently with a view to taking revenge. *Orgē* is **less sudden** in its rise than *thumos*, but **more lasting** in its nature” (Vine, p. 26).

# FOR WHOM IS THE WRATH OF GOD RESERVED?

**THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW GOD** (2 THESS. 1:8)

**PERSECUTORS OF SAINTS** (ROM. 12:19; 1 TH. 2:16)

**LIARS** (REV. 21:8)    **IMPENITENT** (ROM. 2:5; LK. 13:3,5)

**SEEKERS OF SALV. BY OLD LAW** (ROM. 4:15; GAL. 5:4)

**DIVISIVE/FACTIOUS PERSONS** (ROM. 2:8)

**COWARDS / UNBELIEVING / ABOMINABLE** (REV. 21:8)

**MURDERERS / FORNICATORS / SORCERERS** (REV. 21:8)

# FOR WHOM IS THE WRATH OF GOD RESERVED?

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## ROMANS 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men, who **hinder the truth** in unrighteousness.

**MURDERERS / FORNICATORS / SORCERERS** (REV. 21:8)

“FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED AGAINST...”

# THE UNGODLY

ROMANS 1:21-23,25,28

For although they knew God, **they did not honor him as God** or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking..., and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images...

“FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED AGAINST...”

# THE UNGODLY

ROMANS 1:21-23,25,28

“...they **refused to have God in their knowledge**... and worshiped and **served the creature rather than the Creator**...” (28a,25).

“FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED AGAINST...”

# THE UN-GODLY

## JUDE 15

“...to **execute judgment** on all and to convict all the **ungodly** of all their deeds of **ungodliness** that they have committed in such an **ungodly** way, and of all the harsh things that **ungodly** sinners have spoken against him.”

“FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED AGAINST...”

# THE UNRIGHTEOUS

ROMANS 1:28-32

“They were filled with...**evil**, **covetousness**, **malice**...  
**envy**, **murder**, **strife**, **deceit**, **maliciousness**...  
**gossips**, **slanderers**, **haters of God**, **insolent**,  
**haughty**, **boastful**, **inventors of evil**, **disobedient to**  
**parents**, **foolish**, **faithless**, **heartless**, **ruthless**...”



“FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED AGAINST...”

# THE UNRIGHTEOUS

*“Though they know God’s righteous decree, that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only **do them** but **give approval to those who practice them**” (32; cf. Lk. 12:47).*

“FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED AGAINST...”

THOSE WHO  
HINDER THE TRUTH

ROMANS 1:18,25

“...who **hinder the truth in unrighteousness**... Therefore God gave them up... because **they exchanged the truth of God for a lie**...”

“FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED AGAINST...”

THOSE WHO  
HINDER THE TRUTH

MANY WAYS TO “HINDER THE TRUTH”  
(ALL OF WHICH ARE “IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS”)

**BLATANT REJECTION** OF TRUTH  
MISLEADING OR **FALSE TEACHING**  
**NEGLIGENCE**/REFUSAL TO TEACH TRUTH  
**INFLUENCE** CONTRARY TO TRUTH

# WHO WILL EXPERIENCE THE WRATH OF GOD?

## THE DISOBEDIENT

JOHN 3:36—“...whoever **does not obey** the Son...”

ROM. 2:8—“...those who...**do not obey** the truth...”

EPH. 5:6; COL. 3:6—“...the sons of **disobedience**...”

2 THESS. 1:8—“...that **do not obey** the gospel...”

1 PET. 4:17—“...that **do not obey** the gospel of God...”

WHO WILL EXPERIENCE THE WRATH OF GOD?

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IF MY LIFE ENDS TODAY,  
**WILL I EXPERIENCE THE  
WRATH OF GOD?**  
(cf. JN. 3:36; ROM. 5:9).

1 PET. 4:17—"...that **do not obey** the gospel of God..."