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Moral people are unrighteous and condemned 2:1-16

Theme of Romans: The Righteousness of God

- A. The *Righteousness of God Revealed* - (Blessings) - 1:1-17

- B. The *Righteousness of God Required* - (Condemnation) - 1:18-3:20
 - 1. The Gentile world **condemned** - 1:18-2:16
 - 1. **Condemnation** according to divine standards (God to man)
 - 1. Truthfulness - 2:1-3
 - 2. Impartiality - 2:4-11
 - 1. According to righteousness - 2:4-5
 - 2. According to works - 2:6-10
 - 3. Jesus Christ - 2:12-16
 - 1. According to achievements - 2:12-15
 - 2. According to the gospel - 2:16
 - 2. The Jewish world **condemned** - 2:17-3:8
 - 3. The whole world **condemned** - 3:9-20



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- Unbelieving people groups described
 - Pagan Gentiles condemned – 1:18-32
 - Moral Gentiles condemned – 2:1-16
 - Jews condemned – 2:17- 3:8
 - Whole world condemned – 3:9-20
 - Apart from faith in Christ everyone stands under God's judgment
 - Romans 3:10-18
- Rom 2:3-5 And ***thinkest** thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or ***despisest** thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy ***hardness and impenitent heart treasurest** up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; KJV
 - » * Indicating the action of the deceived individual in bringing upon themselves the condemnation of God.



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- Do you think lightly/despisest – 2:4
 - Because of their self righteousness described in verse three they were thinking lightly/despising these things of God.
 - think lightly – katafrones - καταφρονεῖς - present-active-indicative
κατα – down, φρονεῖς – to have understanding, be wise or think
 - Do you think down or not think highly of or look down your nose at
 - Indicative mood joins together a declaration with a question – so it would read, ‘do you think lightly, aye you do!’
- The riches –
 - Paul mostly used this word to describe the quality of the divine attributes and gifts – Eph. 1:7 & 18, 2:4 &7, 3:8 & 16
 - Unfathomable riches of God’s grace, glory, mercy
- Of Gods kindness/goodness, forbearance & patience/longsuffering
 - God is the author of all these
 - Kindness of God – in preserving them, providing for them and protecting then (but this was thought lightly of)



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- Forbearance of God – or holding back of God – holding back for the time being His wrath and judgment of them (but this was thought lightly of)
- Patience of God – even though they despised God’s goodness and His forbearance He was still patient and longsuffering with them
- Not knowing –
 - Ignoring it or intentionally not recognizing it
 - Present, active, participle
 - The riches of God’s kindness, forbearance and patience are meant to lead someone to repentance
 - It was contempt when they are ignored or intentionally did not recognize the kindness of God – and this continues down the path of judgment before God



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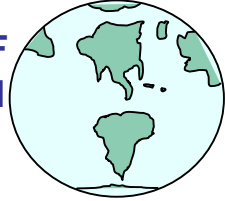
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- But – δε – δε – strong conjunction - 2:5
- Because of/after two things:
 - Your stubbornness/hardness – skleeroteeta – σκληροτητα
 - Dry, hard, obstinate, tough or callousness – indicating a harsh or inhuman character
 - Unrepentant/impenitent heart – ametanoeton - αμετανοητων
 - Not willing to change ones mind, think differently or reconsider
- You are storing up wrath/treasuring up unto thyself
 - treasuring up/storing up – verb, present, active, indicative
 - To amass, reserve or keep in store
 - Storing up wrath for themselves
- In the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God
 - Let's look at the major judgment of God



ROMANS 5:2

MAJOR JUDGMENTS BY GOD



1. AT THE FALL

GEN 2:15- 3:19
ROM 5:12-19



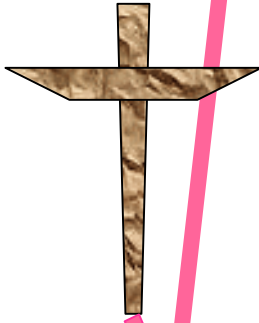
2, THE FLOOD

GEN 6:1- 7:24



3. THE CROSS

ROM 5:8, 15-21



5. JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (BEMA)

2 COR 5:10
ROM 14:10-12; 1COR 3:8-15

6. THE NATIONS

MT 25:31-46
2ND COMING



4. TRIBULATION

(DAN'S 70th WK,)
DAN 9:24-27; MT 24:3-31
REV 6:1-19:31

9. PURGING OF THE EARTH

2 PET 3:10-12

8. GREAT WHITE THRONE

REV 20:11

7. SATAN. BEAST & FALSE PROPHET

REV 20:10



CREATION

NOAH

PENTECOST

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Rom 2:5 (KJV)

*But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against **the day of wrath** and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;*

Question: What Is the Day of Wrath?

Observations:

- “day” - ἡμέρα, *hēmera*, used several different ways, e.g. a normal day, or a period of undefined length marked by certain characteristics (e.g. events, judgments, etc)
- “wrath” - ὀργήν, *orgē*, a settled attitude of God’s righteous anger with a view toward judgment
- This “day of wrath” is foretold both in the Old & New Testament
 - It is a future day
 - It involves both Jews & Gentiles
 - It is characterized by a day of God’s judgment
 - On earth
 - On unbelievers



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- Observe: OT & NT references to “day of wrath” which is yet future

Job 21:30 - That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to **the day of wrath**.

Eze 7:19 - They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in **the day of the wrath of the LORD**: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity. (Mt 24:12)

Zep 1:15 - That day is **a day of wrath**, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, (Mt 24:15,21)

Zep 1:18 - Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in **the day of the LORD'S wrath**; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Mt 3:7 - But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from **the wrath to come?**



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Question: What is this day of wrath?
When does it occur?

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Question: What are the possibilities?

- Is it the Great White Throne Judgment? - Rev 20:11-15
- Is it the Tribulation Period & Judgment of the nations? - Mt 24,25; Rev 6-19
- Is it both?

Observations:

- It doesn't appear that The Great White Throne Judgment is referenced as the "day of wrath" in either the OT or NT
- But it does appear that the "day of wrath" correlates with the tribulation period & the judgment of the nations at Christ's 2nd coming for the following reasons:
 - The tribulation period is summarized as follows: "**For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**" - Rev 6:17
 - The Church is not subject to God's wrath (which is the Tribulation Period)
 - "**For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,**" - 1Th 5:9
 - "**Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**" - Ro 5:9



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- “The day of wrath” in the OT prophecies is characterized by:
 - A day of trouble & distress
 - A day of destruction & desolation
 - A day of darkness & gloominess
 - A day of clouds & thick darkness

Note:

This is the description of the Tribulation period in Mt 24, 25; Rev 6-19.

Thus the conclusion can be drawn that “the day of wrath” is “the Tribulation Period”



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- Paul expected the imminent return of Jesus Christ (the rapture) and he knew that the Tribulation Period (“the day of wrath”) would immediately follow. So this is what Paul appears to be stating in Rom 2:5 :
 - “day of wrath” = the Tribulation Period
 - “ the righteous judgment of God” = “the judgment of the nations” at Christ’s 2nd coming immediately after the Tribulation Period - Mt 24: 29-31; Rev 19:11



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- Day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God
 - This is the great white throne judgment
- God will render to every man according to his deeds - 2:6
 - OT quote from Proverbs 24:12, Psalm 62:12
 - Render – to pay off, recompense, to pay back
 - Every man –
 - God is going to give something away to everybody based on their works – believers and unbelievers.
 - According to his deeds –
 - A general system of God governing the world (even seen in the OT) is being talked about here – punishing evil and rewarding the righteous. (Romans 3:28)



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- The description of someone doing good works: – 2:7
 - Persevere/patient continuance in doing good
 - Patient continuance – hupomoneen - υπομονην
 - under abide – in relation to things or circumstances
 - Seek – glory, honor and immortality
 - God gives eternal life