

# The Love & Wrath of God

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## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_

When we look at God's wisdom, we see something of his mind; when we think of his power, we see something of his hand and his arm; when we consider his word, we learn about his mouth; but now, contemplating his love, we are to look into his heart. –JI Packer

- God's Nature is \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 4:8** for God is love.

- God's love is \_\_\_\_\_

**Jeremiah 31:3** I have loved you with an everlasting love.

**Ephesians 1:4,5** Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

- God's love is \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 9:13** Jacob I loved but Esau I hated.

**Deuteronomy 7:8** The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the Lord loved you.

Because God is God, He does as He pleases; because God is love, He loves as He pleases. –AW Tozer

- God's love is \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 3:18** You may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

- God's love is \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:38-39** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_

God's settled anger toward sin expressed in the repayment of suitable vengeance on the guilty sinner. –John Piper

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wrath of God

God's wrath is not an aberration, not some kind of deviation from who He is. it is an expression of his holiness and that holiness is what God has been like from all eternity. –David Wells

- God's wrath is \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 13:4, 6-9** The Lord of hosts is mustering the army for battle...Wail, for the day of the Lord is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. <sup>7</sup> Therefore all hands will fall limp, and every man's heart will melt. <sup>8</sup> They will be terrified, pains and anguish will take hold of *them*; they will writhe like a woman in labor, they will look at one another in astonishment, their faces aflame. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, cruel, with fury and burning anger, to make the land a desolation; and He will exterminate its sinners from it.

**Revelation 6:14** The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. <sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; <sup>16</sup> and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; <sup>17</sup> for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

- God's wrath is \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 20:11-15** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup> Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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**2 Thessalonians 1:7-9** the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, <sup>8</sup> dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

God will give a man brains to smelt iron and make a hammer head and nails. God will grow a tree and give man strength to cut it down and brains to fashion a hammer handle from its wood. And when man has the hammer and the nails, God will put out his hand and let man drive nails through it and place him on the cross in the supreme demonstration that men are without excuse. –Donald Barnhouse

### 3. Love & Wrath \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**1 John 4:10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

### Questions to close:

- Will you \_\_\_\_\_ the wrath to come?

Think not sinners, that you shall escape. God's mill goes slow, but it grinds small; the more admirable His patience and bounty is now, the more dreadful will that fury be which arises out of His abused goodness. Nothing smoother than the sea, yet when stirred into a tempest, nothing rages more. Nothing so sweet as the patience and goodness of God and nothing so terrible as His wrath when it takes fire. –William Gurnall 1660

- Will you \_\_\_\_\_ like God does?

**Romans 13:12** The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

- Will you \_\_\_\_\_ this God?

**Exodus 34:6-8** Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; <sup>7</sup> who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." <sup>8</sup> Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.