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The Wrath

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Romans 1:18-25 ¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness. ¹⁹For what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from His workmanship, so that men are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking and darkened in their foolish hearts. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images of mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the desires of their hearts to impurity for the dishonoring of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is forever worthy of praise! Amen. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. The revelation of **God's wrath** is seen through the level of depravity around us. V. 18
- B. God has revealed two of His **invisible** qualities through creation itself. V. 19
 - 1. His **eternal** power.
 - 2. His **divine** nature.
- C. Even though mankind had this **knowledge** given to them they did not give Him the place in their lives that He deserves. V. 21
 - 1. They did this by not giving Him the **position** of God in their lives.
 - 2. They also did this by not **praising** Him.
- D. Instead, they worshipped **created things** rather than the Creator. V. 22
- E. God's wrath was **released** by giving them over to every level of depravity. V. 24

II. What can we learn from this?

- A. We must check our **hearts** first to be sure that we are not deserving the same wrath as those around us.
- B. One question to ask ourselves is this: Is **God** our God?
- C. Another question to ask ourselves is this: Am I giving thanks to God for **everything** that he has done and given me?
- D. We are wasting our time treating the **symptoms** and not the disease.