

**Scripture:** Romans 2:1-16

**Singing:** 375:1, 3, 5 – 260:1-6 – 307:1-4 – 255:3-4

Intro: In the journey to know the only comfort in life and death ...

A. We have been confronted with the *raw truths of fruits of our deeds*

*Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. (Eccl. 7:29)*

B. We have hit a brick wall in God's attributes of *holiness, justice, and truth*

*- For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh rewards. Deut. 10:7*

*- Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. Ps. 90:11*

*- Who will render to every man according to his deeds. Rom. 2:6*

### GOD'S DISPLEASURE AT OUR SIN (2)

I. What is His displeasure? II. What stirs His displeasure?

III. How does He reveal His displeasure? IV. How are we to live on this truth?

#### I & II: God's Displeasure stirred by sin

A. God's displeasure or anger is one of His virtues or excellencies

1. His anger is His holiness stirred into action

2. His attribute of 'slow to anger' is His attribute of power

*- He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Prov. 16:32*

*- The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power. Nahum 1:3*

#### III. How does God reveal His anger?

A. God's revelation of His anger is not like our often sinful anger

B. The various revelations of God's holy or righteous anger

1. Temporal judgments which destroy

*- The LORD sitteth upon the flood: yet the LORD sitteth King for ever! Ps. 29:10*

2. Personal & temporal desertion

*- In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment Is. 54:8*

*- Thy wrath lieth hard upon me Ps. 88:7-8*

3. Social spiritual desertion

*- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven (...) wherefore God gave them up. (Rom. 1:18, 24, 26, 28)*

*- My Spirit shall not always strive with man. Gen. 6:3)*

#### 4. Eternal desertion:

- ... *who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.* 2 Thess. 1:9

- *The great day of the LORD is near (...) 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.* Zeph. 1:14-15

### **IV. How are we respond to this attribute of God's anger?**

#### A. We must take this very seriously and flee the wrath of God

- *For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?* Luke 23:31

1. You cannot ignore this attribute because you do not like it

2. God's anger is holy and real: *but where to flee?*

- *And said to the mountains, and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lam: for the great day of His wrath is come: and who shall be able to stand?* (Rev. 6:16-17)

Finally: Is there then a way of escape even though I deserve God's wrath?

#### A. There is only one only way to escape and find comfort in life/death *but that one is inaccessible to us*

- *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?* Num. 23:19

#### B. The Good News of the Gospel: *There is ONE ONLY way for sinners!*

1. that way is *open to all* who hear the Gospel (Rev. 22:17)

- *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

2. neglecting to make use of this way means a sorer punishment than all who despised Moses law

- *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God (!!), and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? (...) It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.* Heb. 10:26-31)