

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Agnes

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Norman.

Joel's work in India

Joel's Father.

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Yemi and family

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

All campaigns.

Those have Fallen
Away

To all our members who
are not here for one
reason or another.

That God may open
people's hearts to the
gospel and that God will
add to our number.

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The Wrath of God

In our politically correct society it is not accepted to talk about a God that will destroy people for the sins that they commit. The world frowns on the idea of anger, vengeance, and righteous indignation. Yet, while the world doesn't like these concepts, the Bible makes it clear that God has been, can be, and will be to some a God of wrath and anger. Not too long ago cinema released a new version of "The Ten Commandments" in which sinners were killed for the sins that they committed. The movie drew the picture that God's wrath was unjust. In a society that values inclusiveness and tolerance, that picture doesn't go over too well. However, the truth is that we don't need to be ashamed of God's wrath, but warn people that indeed God will be vindicated one day.

The dictionary defines the term "wrath" as follows: "1. Forceful, often vindictive anger. 2. a. Punishment or vengeance as a manifestation of anger. b. Divine retribution for sin." The word wrath occurs 194 times in the King James Version of the Bible. The word "anger" is mentioned 228 times. There are times when men with such

attitudes are condemned within the scripture, no doubt. However, in many of these instances, it is God who is angry or wrathful with man. Such descriptions of God need not be overlooked as we seek to understand who God is, but rather, examined. Why would God be angry or wrathful? Finding the answer to that question will help us understand the reason for God's anger. First, sin is what



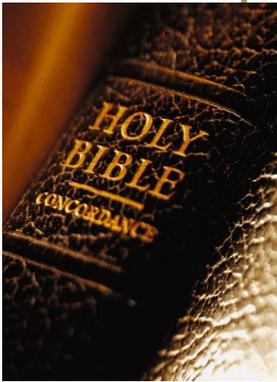
kindles God's wrath. Genesis 6:5-6 states, "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Because of man's sin, God destroyed the earth with a great flood. God's wrath was present in the beginning of the Bible and it is present at its end as well. Again, in response to man's sinfulness,

the book of Revelation says of Christ, the executor of God's vengeance, "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the wine-press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" (Revelation 19:15). The bottom line is that God's wrath isn't God's fault; it is the fault of those who sin.

Second, God's wrath will fall on some men because man's sin offends God. God doesn't punish sin simply because He gets some kind of "kick" out of doing it as some cartoonists have tried to convey. Sin is offensive to God. God's character is such that He is holy, righteous, and pure (1 Peter 1:15-16). Because sin is unholy, unrighteous, and corrupt, it is offensive to the very nature of God. Consider Psalm 106:40. The Psalmist writes, "Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance." God had already explained to Israel that idolatry was offensive to Him (Exodus 20:3-5). So, it was due to Israel's sin

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Bible Studies for the Week of Aug 5th, 2007



AM Sermon.....	Each New Day (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for Sermon	Psalm 118:24
Adult Bible Study	Fundamentals (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service.....	Psalms 27; Luke 18:28-43
Sunday School Class.....	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class.....	Galatians (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class	
Men's Bible Class	No Details Given

The Wrath of God (cont.)

“If we become angry when we are offended, and rightly so, why ought God not to be angry when He is offended?”



(idolatry) that God was offended and therefore angry with them. If we become angry when we are offended, and rightly so, why ought God not to be angry when He is offended?

Finally, God will ultimately execute his wrath upon sinful man because the wicked cannot go unpunished. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 states, "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his

power." In this passage we see that God's wrath flows directly from the fact of His righteousness and justice. Justice demands that some penalty be paid for those who commit wickedness.

And for those who will not accept God's generous offer of payment via the death of Jesus on the cross, some other form of payment must be made. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

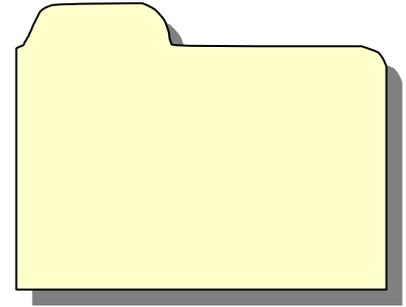
Yes, God's wrath is something of which we all need to be aware. Paul wrote, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God..." (Romans 11:22). If we are in the love of God, then we need not be concerned about God's wrath. However, if we are not, then we need to beware

lest it is God's wrath we experience at the Day of Judgment. Hebrews 10:31 tells us, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

“But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.” (2 Chronicles 36:16)

For The Files: Week Beginning July 29th 2007

Sunday Bible Class.....	8
Sunday AM Worship.....	33
Sunday School.....	4
Sunday Prayer Time	8
Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	10
Thursday Evening Study	11
Contribution.....	£125.50.
Budget.....	£100.00.



Ricci's Corner. (Appeasement)

Personal Thoughts and Actions for the Week

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their singing.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth". The LORD Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress (Psalm 46). Do I remember that God is Almighty and is with me always?

It is never too late to start... Anon.

Sunday Adult Study.

Brethren we have started our next lesson in Sunday adult study. I believe today we will finish this lesson, that being "The existence of God"

Some very good points were raised from our last session but

we must all agree that if something exists, then certain things must be regarding that thing,

1. It has always existed—It is Infinite.

2. It was created— It is Finite. Science agrees that the universe cannot be Infinite. If the universe is Finite, then,

1. It either had to create itself.
2. Something outside of itself had to create it.

It is absurd to say that the universe created itself for this implies that something that exists does not exist— That something must come from nothing.

This is a very brief summary of last weeks lesson, I encourage more of you to attend these lessons.

Our next topic in this series will be "The Resurrection of Christ"

I am concerned about the move many members of the church are making away from the scriptures. I know many of you who read this are, too. You become part of a fellowship precisely because they search the scriptures for their practice and teaching, and find the very

earth shift beneath your feet. Paradigm changes? New hermeneutics? We thought we had left that when we left the denominations! And those of us who are dismayed at the sight of drift in our institutions are faced with a dilemma. **Do we speak out?**

We desire peace and love amongst the brethren. We are aware of shrill and angry sounds coming from extreme right wing sources and feel a little uncomfortable, not so much at the message, but at the tone and unkindness in which it is given. So we are tempted to be silent while churches change. It makes me think of Winston Churchill's statement that "appeasement is the philosophy where we hope the crocodile eats us last." I am counselling neither bitter denunciations of brethren nor an obsession with negative preaching.

We need to preach the "whole counsel of God." We watch in dismay as whole congregations surrender to that which is popular rather than that which is Biblical. We observe in fear as Christian colleges to whom we owe a great deal slip away from the truth.

I say this not in anger but with a broken heart! But I also say it with the knowledge that eventually, if we do not stand up for truth, the crocodile will turn on us, too.

"Son of man," the prophet declared, "I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning for me" (Ezekiel 3:17).



"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God...." (Romans 11:22).

IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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Men's Class; 07.08.07

Ladies Day Out; 08.08.07.

26th August "NO" Adult Study; Study will still be at

6pm:

Future Date To Note;

1st Sept 6-9pm Gospel

Meeting Here at SL.

Birthday: Val;

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto;

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God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

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Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship.....	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
Sunday School.....	10:00 AM
Ladies Bible Class	Every Second Monday 12:30 PM
Thursday Evening Bible Class.....	7:30 PM
Men's Bible Study Class.....	First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

Serving Each Other

August 5th 2007

August 12th 2007

Sunday Morning

President

Trevor

Ricci

Preaching:

Ricci

Trevor

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Eric

Trevor

Ricci

Philip

Lord's Table

Edwin

Norman

Philip

Gareth

Closing Prayer

Duties

Flowers

Margaret

Khomoso

Tea

To Be Arranged

Val

Building clean for Aug:07

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