

“The Display of the Divine”

Text: Romans 1:18-23

Scripture reading: Psalm 19

I. The expression of God – vv. 18-19

A) Revealed wrath

B) Heavenly wrath (Rom. 2:5-9 versus 1:18, 24, 26, 28)

Wrath revealed: “*the inherent tendency of moral evil to produce misery*” -Charles Hodge

C) Contrary wrath

II. The evidence of God – vs. 20 (Ps. 19:1-3)

A) His invisible attributes

B) His eternal power

C) His divine nature

III. The exclusion of God – vv. 21-23

A) Knowledge rejected – vs. 21

B) Foolishness embraced – vs. 22 (Jas. 3:13-18; Pr. 9:10)

C) Worship exchanged – vs. 23

Conclusion: Summary truths from the text:

1) Gospel preaching begins with _____.

2) A true profession is distinguished from a false profession by how one _____.

3) The worship of God is _____.

“We cannot say that God does not mind some evils. His wrath is revealed against every wrong.” - Leon Morris

SERMON QUOTES:

I. The expression of God – vv. 18-19

A) Revealed wrath

-John Murray, “*Wrath is the holy revulsion of God’s being against that which is the contradiction of His holiness.*”

-Leon Morris, “*The biblical writers habitually use for the divine wrath a word that denotes not so much a sudden flaring up of passion which is soon over, as a strong settled opposition to all that is evil arising out of God’s very nature.*”

C) Contrary wrath

R. C. Sproul, “*...I have to tell you that I do not have to prove to you that God exists, because I think you already know it. Your problem is not that you do not know that God exists; your problem is that you despise the God whom you know exists. Your problem is not intellectual; it is moral – you hate God.*”

III. The exclusion of God – vv. 21-23

A) Knowledge rejected

Os Guinness, “*...rebellion against God does not begin with the clenched fist of atheism but with the self-satisfied heart of the one for who ‘Thank you’ is redundant.*”