



¹⁸For the **wrath** of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (ESV)

Wrath is not as we understand wrath in man (irrational anger), rather it is God's response to sin, which He cannot tolerate.

God's wrath manifests in many ways, including:

1. Conscience – We are made in His image and likeness. When we sin, we feel it, saved or not, either in the form of repentance or regret.
2. Consequences – Sin has consequences. When we drink too much, there is a hangover. This is a physical manifestation of the Fall and sin.
3. Thorns and thistles – All creation groans under sin (Rom. 8:22).
4. Death is universal and is a consequence of the wrath of God.
5. Biblically, Adam and Eve were forced out of the garden, Adam was forced to eat by the sweat of his brow (as are we), and Eve, in conceiving, felt pain and sorrow. Women must be subservient to men. Cain, the Flood, the Tower of Babel, Sodom and Gomorrah, Saul's fate, David's fate, Nebuchadnezzar's fate, the fate of the Children of Israel (carried into captivity), the destruction of the temple in AD 70 – all God's wrath upon sin.
6. God's wrath is revealed in the psalms (see Ps. 1) and the prophets (repent or face judgement).

Jesus pleaded with the Father that the cup of wrath be removed from Him 3 times (Mt. 27:39, 42, 44) – Take His wrath seriously!

At the cross Jesus took the Father's wrath (Mt. 27:46).

Judgement Day will come. The fallen angels, Cain, and all who do not know Jesus will suffer the wrath of God.

You cannot know the love of God unless you understand the wrath of God.