

### **FAITH AS REALITY**

#### **Sinners**

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Romans 1:16-25 & Romans 3:10-12, 21-24

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#### **Romans 1:16-25**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed —a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

### **Romans 3:10-12, 21-24**

As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;  
there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.  
All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one...”

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

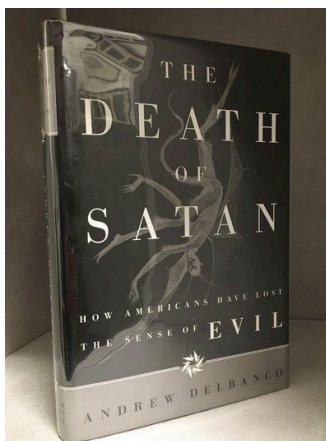
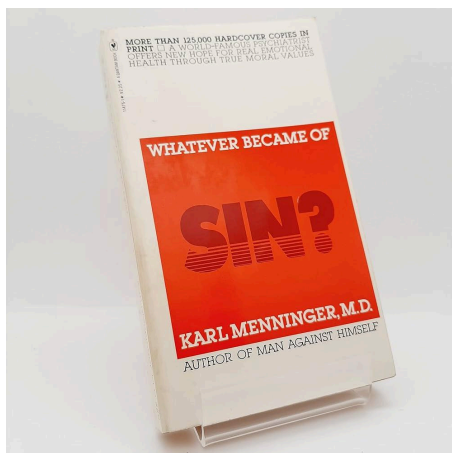
The Wrath of God

Revealed = apokalyptō

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is *revealed*... (1:17)

The wrath of God is being *revealed*... (1:18)

It's only when we see the solution, do we then see the problem.



“Modern people cannot answer the monster’s question. A gulf has opened up in our culture between the visibility of evil and the intellectual resources for coping with it...We have jettisoned in the West the idea of cosmic evil, or transcendent evil, or supernatural evil. We don’t believe in it. In fact, we don’t like to use the word evil because it implies moral absolutes and value judgements. So we use medical terms. We talk about dysfunction. We talk about pathology...We don’t use moral terminology. But as the twentieth century has gone on it has gotten harder and harder to say that holocausts and ethnic cleansing and serial killing is just bad psychological and sociological adjustment.”

- Andrew Delblanco, *The Death of Satan*

## **Romans 1**

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people... (1:18)

For although **they** knew God, **they** neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him... (1:21)

**They** are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. **They** are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful...**they** have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. (1:29-30)

## **Romans 2**

**You**, therefore, have no excuse, **you** who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point **you** judge another, **you** are condemning yourself, because **you** who pass judgment do the same things... (2:1)

So when **you**, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think **you** will escape God’s judgment? (2:3)

**You** are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. (2:5)

## **Romans 3:9**

What shall we conclude then? Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.

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### **Romans 1:21**

...their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

### **Patterns of Romans 1:19-32**

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2. Humanity Refused (1:21-23)
3. God Responded (1:24-32)

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, ***who suppress the truth by their wickedness***... (1:18)

***Therefore*** God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts...(1:24)

### **The Pattern**

God Speaks

Humanity Refuses

God Responds

### **Galatians 6:7-8**

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

### **Romans 3:21-24**

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known...This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

What does this mean about wrath? How does wrath now work?

How does consequences for our sins now work?

Why does Paul say all this to Christians?

**Romans 2:4**

God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance.