

# THE WRATH OF GOD

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And therefore he troubles them... The life to themselves and their family stands between them and the recognition of their needs; He makes that life less sweet to them.

- The Problem of Pain

# OUTLINE

1. Wrath of God
2. Jesus's perspective
3. What does this mean for us?

# JEREMIAH 2

‘I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown. 3 Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,’” declares the LORD. 4 Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. 5 This is what the LORD says: “What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves. ...

12 Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the LORD. 13 “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

# NAHUM 1

## *God's Wrath Against Nineveh*

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;  
the LORD is avenging and wrathful;  
the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries  
and keeps wrath for his enemies.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,  
and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.  
His way is in whirlwind and storm,  
and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

<sup>4</sup>He rebukes the sea and makes it dry;  
he dries up all the rivers;  
Bashan and Carmel wither;  
the bloom of Lebanon withers.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains quake before him;  
the hills melt;  
the earth heaves before him,  
the world and all who dwell in it.

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<sup>6</sup> Who can stand before his indignation?

Who can endure the heat of his anger?

His wrath is poured out like fire,

and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is good,

a stronghold in the day of trouble;

he knows those who take refuge in him.

<sup>8</sup> But with an overflowing flood

he will make a complete end of the adversaries, <sup>[a]</sup>

and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

<sup>9</sup> What do you plot against the LORD?

He will make a complete end;

trouble will not rise up a second time.

## **EPHESIANS 2:1-3**

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

## **MATTHEW 25:41**

### *The Sheep and the Goats*

“Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

## **MATTHEW 13:24-43**

“The Son of Man will send out his angels and they will uproot from the kingdom everything that is spoiling it, and all those who live in defiance of its laws, and will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be tears and bitter regret.”

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## **1 THESSALONIANS 5:9**

For God has not destined us for wrath,  
but to obtain salvation through our  
Lord Jesus Christ. (ESV)



