

Behold The Severity Of God

Romans 11:22

Definitions

- ▶ **Behold** (eidw): *to see with the mind's eye, signifies a clear and purely mental perception.* ["to see, to perceive with the eyes, to perceive by any of the senses ... notice, discern, discover ... to turn the eyes, the mind, the attention to anything, to pay attention, observe, to see about something, to ascertain what must be done about it, to inspect, examine, to look at, behold" (Thayer, 173).

Definitions

- ▶ Severity: "roughness, rigor" (Thayer, 69).

God Is A Consuming Fire Hebrews 12:29

- ▶ God Is A Devouring Force Against Evil.
 - God hates sin – Proverbs 6:16-19.
 - God punishes sin – Hebrews 10:26-31.
 - God has prepared eternal fire for the just punishment of every sinner – Matthew 25:41; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10.

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- ▶ We Must Fear Him – Luke 12:5 (cf. Leviticus 10:1-3, 6).

The Wrath Of God – Nahum 1:2-3

- ▶ –["It is the temper of God towards sin, not rage, but the wrath of reason and law." – Shedd, cited in *Robertson's Word Pictures* on Romans 1:18.]

The Wrath Of God – Nahum 1:2–3

- ▶ Traits Of God's Wrath:
 - *Reserved for His enemies* – 1:2; Romans 1:18.
 - Those who reject God & His word – Numbers 14:22–24, 29–32; Psalms 95:7–11 (cf. Hebrews 3:7–11).
 - Those who hinder the truth in their unrighteousness.

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- ▶ Traits Of God's Wrath:
 - *Just & righteous* – Romans 2:5–11 – It is always due to sin – never fickle, careless.
 - *Applied without partiality* – Romans 2:5–11.
 - *Cannot be resisted by anyone* – Nahum 1:6; Jeremiah 10:10.
 - *Terrible, without escape* – Zephaniah 1:2ff, 12–18
 - *Abides upon the faithless* – John 3:36.

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- ▶ God's Wrath Can Be Avoided By Repentance – Zephaniah 2:1–3.
 - Nineveh – Jonah 1:2; 3:4, 5–10.
 - Sinners today – Acts 2:37–38; 8:20–24.
 - Like the reform in the days of Hezekiah, we must put away sin to avoid wrath! – 2 Chronicles 29:3–10.

Escape From God's Wrath Against Our Sin Is An Expression Of His Longsuffering & Mercy – 2 Peter 3:9

- ▶ The Sacrifice Of Jesus Appeases The Wrath Of God – Romans 3:23–26; 1 John 2:2. (*Propitiation* – Appeasement, atonement, to make amends)
 - He is the sin offering God will accept, which removes our sin (forgiveness), & thus His indignation toward our sins – Hebrews 10:17–18.
 - You need the offering of Christ applied to your sins to escape the wrath of God! (Acts 22:16)

Conclusion

- ▶ Romans 11:22 – Behold the severity of God. God will punish all sin – Revelation 21:8.
- ▶ Proverbs 11:23 *“The desire of the righteous is only good; (But) the expectation of the wicked is wrath.”*
- ▶ Will you treasure up peace or wrath against the day of eternity? *Romans 2:5, “but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God”*