

“Natural Theology & Natural Consequences”
Amazed by Grace • part 6

INTRODUCTION

- the certainty of God’s wrath
Isa. 13:9; Mt. 5:30; 10:14-15

“[God’s] righteous anger never rises, never abates: it is always at flood tide in the presence of sin because He is unchangeably and inflexibly righteous.”
– *George Rogers*

THE OBJECTION

how can God be just to show His wrath on
the poor innocent natives in _____?

1. The discipline of apologetics

1 Pet. 3:15

2. The objection clarified

Jn. 14:6; Rom. 10:7

3. God’s treatment of “innocent” people

Lk. 19:10; Mt. 9:12

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4. The guilt of all humanity before God

- rejecting actual knowledge of God (1:18-20)

+ general v. special revelation

+ mediate v. immediate general revelation

Ps. 19:1-4; Isa. 6:3; Acts 14:14-17
Rom. 2:14-15

“God therefore has never left Himself without a witness. His existence and perfections have ever been so manifested that His rational creatures are bound to acknowledge and worship Him as the true and only God.”
– *Charles Hodge*

- how man rejects God (1:21)
 - a. fails to glorify God
 - b. fails to give thanks to God
 - c. builds his life and thinking on futile speculations
 - d. darkness fills his being

- the first result of rejecting God: idolatry (1:22-23)

Ex. 20:2-3

“The mind of man is never a religious vacuum; if there is the absence of the true, there is always the presence of the false.”
– *John Murray*

CONCLUSION

what about those who honor God but don’t know of Jesus?

- a court official from Ethiopia (Acts 8)
- a Roman centurion from Palestine (Acts 10)
- a business woman from Europe (Acts 16)

“As the love of God makes every bitter thing sweet, so the curse of God makes every sweet thing bitter.”

– *Thomas Watson*