

# **Romans 2:5-11**

***-The Wrath of God—The Truth  
about God We Don't Speak Of***

**-[Psa 111:10 ESV] 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

**-[Pro 9:10 ESV] 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

**-[Mat 10:28 ESV] 28 And do not  
fear those who kill the body  
but cannot kill the soul. Rather  
fear him who can destroy both  
soul and body in hell.**

**-Acts 18:4 (ESV) And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.**

**-Acts 24:24-25 (ESV) 24 After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. 25 And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed/ ἔμφοβος γενόμενος and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you."**

**-[Nah 1:2-8 ESV] 2 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. 3 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. 4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; he dries up all the rivers; Bashan and Carmel wither; the bloom of Lebanon withers. 5 The mountains quake before him; the hills melt; the earth heaves before him, the world and all who dwell in it. 6 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. 7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. 8 But with an overflowing flood he will make a complete end of the adversaries, and will pursue his enemies into darkness.**

**-Zephaniah 1:18 (ESV) Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.**

**-What is our perspective on the eternal wrath of God?**

**-Are we a little squeamish in talking about it because we think it might put our God in a bad light?**

**-Do we look for ways to understand or explain God's wrath according to minimal suffering?**

**-What does the Bible say?**

**-Matthew 25:41-46 (ESV) 41  
“Then he will say to those on  
his left, ‘Depart from me, you  
cursed, into the *eternal fire*  
prepared for the devil and his  
angels... 46 And these will go  
away into *eternal punishment*,  
but the righteous into *eternal  
life.*”**

**-2 Thessalonians 1:9 (ESV)**

**They will suffer the  
punishment of *eternal  
destruction*, away from the  
presence of the Lord and from  
the glory of his might,**

**-αἰώνιον (αἰών) + fire;  
punishment; destruction; life**

**-Revelation 20:10-15 (ESV) 10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. 11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. 13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

**-OT and the NT everywhere  
teach judgment according to  
works. But NOWHERE does  
Scripture teach salvation by  
works.**

**-Hebrews 10:26-29 (LSB) 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy by the mouth of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as defiled the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?**

**-Romans 3:20 (ESV) For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

**-Romans 3:28 (ESV) For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.**

**-Romans 4:2-5 (ESV) 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,**

**-Actions follow beliefs. Beliefs  
don't follow actions.**

**-Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he *rewards those who seek him.***

**-Hebrews 11:8-10 (ESV) 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.**

**-Romans 1:13 (ESV) I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.**

**-Philippians 1:21-23 (ESV) 21  
For to me to live is Christ, and  
to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in  
the flesh, that means fruitful  
labor for me. Yet which I shall  
choose I cannot tell. 23 I am  
hard pressed between the two.  
My desire is to depart and be  
with Christ, for that is far better.**

**-1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV) So,  
whether you eat or drink, or  
whatever you do, do all to the  
glory of God.**

**-Romans 8:20-21 (ESV) 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**

**-Philippians 3:19-21 (ESV) 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**

**-Matthew 25:21 (ESV) His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'**

**-Galatians 1:10 (ESV) For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.**

**-1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (ESV) 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw-- 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.**

**-2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (ESV) 5 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering-- 6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**

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