

DOOM AND GLOOM — POSTPONED The Wrath & Patience Of God

A. INTRODUCTION

B. WRATH

1. Divine wrath is not an irrational outburst of anger, irresponsible action, loss of self-control, wounded pride, or a bad temper. God's wrath is holiness stirred into action, intense anger against sin, a resolute action to punish sin.
2. The wrath of God (Rm. 1:18) is throughout the Bible.
3. God's wrath is just (judicial), Psalm 7:6-11
4. God's wrath is certain, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10
5. God's wrath is His response to the problem of evil, Romans 1:18, 2:5, 2:8, 9:22
The reality of God's wrath is just as sure as the reality of God's love.

C. PATIENCE

1. God's patience is not divine procrastination, forgetfulness or laziness. It is not a lessening of the consequences of sin, nor allowing evil to escape judgment. It is "that power of control which God exercises over Himself, causing Him to bear with the wicked and forbear so long in punishing sin." (Pink, 71)
2. God's patience protects us from His wrath — for a time, Nahum 1:2-8
3. God's patience is for our salvation and holiness, 2 Peter 3:8-15

D. CONCLUSION

God postpones His wrath or judgment on evil so that He may save those who turn to Him.
God is patient so that we may repent and become not vessels of wrath but of mercy.

"... what kind of people ought you to be? (2 Peter 3:11)