

**M**any do not want to talk about God's anger and they fail to give people a true and full picture of God. By choosing what we want to teach about God we soon construct "a god who looks like me." Adding to this are the caricatures of divine wrath that give a more comforting reason to deny God's anger. The proclamation of God's anger has been muted.

- ✓ Instead of a bold proclamation of the reality of God's anger today there is a muffled silence or an embarrassing apology for the biblical statements of God's wrath.
- ✓ The Church has retreated from its divine mission of proclaiming the good news and is adrift.
- ✓ The Church today has turned into an exclusive social mission instead of a soul saving mission.
- ✓ The social gospel preaches no consequence for sin, redefines sin as actions that relate only to fellowman or nature or environment; a total erasure of the anger of God; no mention of sin and repentance.

### FOUR FACTS ABOUT GOD'S ANGER

#### *#1 God's Anger is "forever & ever"—Revelation 20:10*

The postmodern mind refuses to accept that God's anger exists and to suggest that the divine wrath will be "forever and ever" is reprehensible.

The Bible teaches, "they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

- ✓ "Tormented"—refers to severe torture; great pain, toil, torment; the most severe distress
- ✓ "For"—gives the direction of the action. The direction of this torment is "for ever and ever."
- ✓ "Ever and ever"—the perpetuity of the event—it never stops.

#### *#2 God's Anger is governed—Revelation 20:15*

God's anger focuses upon those who had the opportunity to know and to obey but chose to reject the wisdom of God for the wisdom of the world. This is communicated to man with the metaphor of a chronicled history.

Each human is living a life that is chronicled. There is an unerring record that is each person's life (2 Corinthians 5:10). God's anger is governed by "the books" (Psalm 56:8; Isaiah 66:6; Malachi 3:16).

#### *#3 God's Anger is certain—(Revelation 16:19; 18:5)*

God "remembers." The righteousness of God requires Him to remember and to forget.

The righteousness of Almighty God provides for "forgetfulness" of man's sin via the Cross of Christ (Colossians 2:13, 14; Ezekiel 18:22; 33:16). But for the wicked the memory of a holy God is a holy terror (Ezekiel 3:20; 18:24; Revelation 18:5)

#### *#4 God's Anger is escapable—(Revelation 21:2-27)*

God promises that our sins can be removed and that we can become reconciled to God and avoid His angry wrath (Isaiah 1:18-20; Ephesians 2:11-22). God's compassion has designed a wonderful escape that is available for all of mankind. The angry wrath of the Almighty God is undeniable but it is avoidable! This is indeed the "good news" of the gospel of Christ Jesus. It is God's earnest desire that all would choose to live life by respecting the absolute boundaries that are presented in Scripture (Hebrews 6:6; 10:26-31).

- ✓ Escaping God's angry wrath for those in the world is possible (John 3:16-21).
- ✓ Escaping God's angry wrath for those once faithful but who fell away (Joel 2:12-13).

### ABSOLUTE TAKE AWAYS FROM THIS STUDY

*First*, there is an absolute validation for the anger of God.

*Second*, the absoluteness of God's anger should propel God's People to be active in the teaching of truth and the exposure of evil error.

*Third*, there is an absolute query regarding the anger of God and all must give an answer.