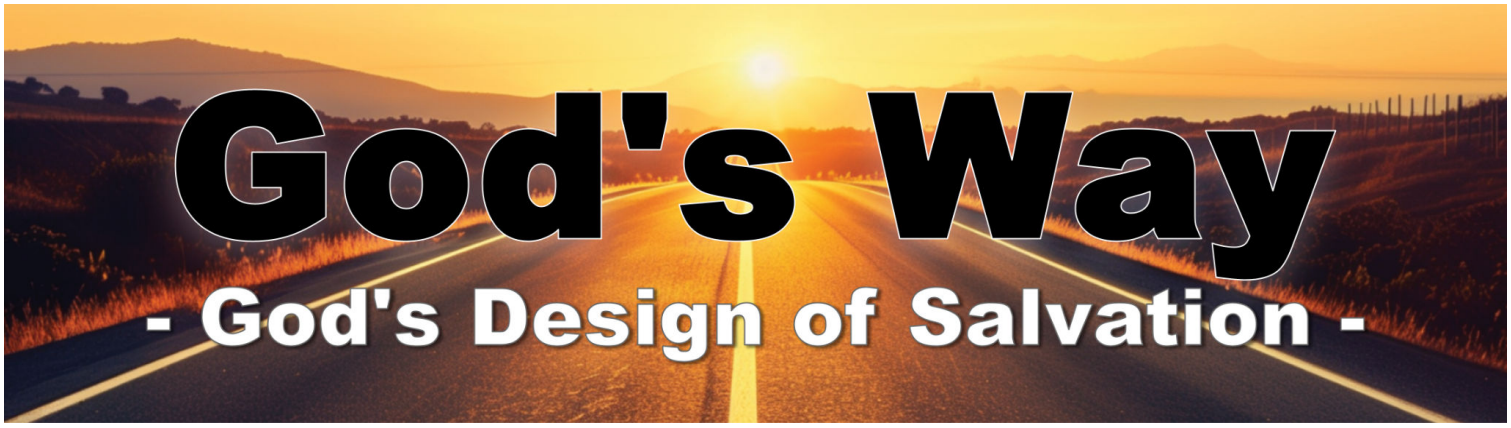


Week of May 24, 2026 - The Wrath of God | Small Group Lesson 3

Connect

Share about a time when you were convinced a certain plan, argument, or idea was a great idea, but after "sleeping on it," you suddenly realized it was actually a bad idea. What was the situation, and what made you change your mind? What did that experience teach you about our ways vs. the Lord's ways?

Verses - Romans 1:18-25 (CSB)

Read aloud:

18 For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth, 19 since what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse. 21 For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles.

24 Therefore God delivered them over in the desires of their hearts to sexual impurity, so that their bodies were degraded among themselves. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served what has been created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. According to vv.18-20, what two specific “invisible” attributes of God are *clearly seen* through His creation? Because of the evidence of these, what is the unfortunate result for all humanity? Why are they without excuse?

2. v.21 describes a tragic shift in the human heart. Even though people knew God, what were the two things they refused to do toward Him, and what was the condition of their hearts as a result?

3. In vv.22-23, Paul points out the foolishness of humanity. What did they exchange the glory of the immortal God for?

4. According to vv.24-25, how does God actively reveal His wrath against such rebellion? When people exchange the truth of God for a lie and worship creation, what desires are they delivered over to?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Takeshi used the story of the Prodigal Son which illustrates God’s wrath on humanity. God didn't strike the son with lightning.. he simply removed his protection and gave him exactly what his rebellious heart demanded. Have you ever stubbornly pursued something outside of God's will, only to realize later that getting “what you wanted" but it was actually a big lesson? What did this teach you?

Discuss 2:
Pastor Takeshi ends on a word of truth. Because we all have exchanged God's truth for a lie and avoided Him, God had to send Jesus to take His wrath and offered us His righteousness. When you look closely at your own tendency to wander away from God's protection, how does it make you feel about the fact that Jesus actively pursued YOU to bring you back to God to live?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.