

## Doctrine of Wrath

1. There are two basic words translated wrath in the Authorized Version. One word is *orge* and speaks of a desire (as a reaching forth or excitement of the mind), i.e. (by analogy,) violent emotion (ire, or [justifiable] abhorrence); by implication punishment. Another word translated wrath is *thumos* which refers to, "hot anger, passion."
2. *Thumos* is translated *wrath* in Luke 4:28; Acts 19:28; Romans 2:8; *wraths* in 2 Corinthians 12:20; and *fierceness* in Revelation 16:19; 19:15.
3. Paul speaks of the wrath of God three times.
  - *Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*
  - *Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*
  - *Colossians 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:*
4. In Romans 5:9 Paul speaks about being saved from the wrath.
  - *Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*
5. In Romans 12:19 Paul advises Christians not to take vengeance but to leave evil-doers to the wrath.
  - *Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*
6. In Romans 13:5 he speaks about the wrath as being a powerful motive to keep men obedient.
  - *Romans 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.*
7. In Romans 4:15 he says that the law produces wrath.
  - *Romans 4:15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.*
8. And in 1 Thessalonians 1:10 he says that Jesus delivered us from The Wrath to come.
  - *1 Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

9. Paul speaks about the wrath and yet from that very wrath Jesus saves men. What is meant?
10. To understand the wrath of God is to return to the Hebrew prophets. Their message was simple. "If you do not obey God, the wrath of God will involve you in ruin and disaster. "
  - *Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*
11. There is a moral order to the universe and the person who transgresses it shall suffer. J.A. Froude the great historian said, "*One lesson, and one lesson only, history may be said to repeat without distinctness, that the world is built somehow on moral foundations, that, in the long run, it is well with the good, and, in the long run, it will be ill with the wicked.*"
12. The conclusion is clear: the moral order is the wrath of God at work. God made this world in such a way that if we break His laws it is to our ruin.
13. Those who break God's laws consistently run the risk of being abandoned by God.
  - *Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*