Monday, 14 March 2016

Psalms 7:11

God is an honest judge. He is angry with the wicked every day [NLT]

Angry is weak, the Hebrew word should be translated as enraged or even foams at the mouth. I am frightened as I think of the LORD, God the Almighty enraged or foaming at the mouth over my deliberate sin. How awesome is His love and mercy.

Tuesday, 15 March 2016 Deuteronomy 29:24-28

all the nations will say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?' Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them. Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book, and the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.'

While this was written to the nation of Israel, a theocracy, as they turned from obedience to the Word to follow other gods, it must serve as a warning to the Church in this day. The gods of the modern, Western Church are legion; often making it difficult to distinguish between the Church and their secular neighbors. Should we not quake at the thought of arousing the anger and fury and great wrath of the LORD, God the Almighty. It is time to be on our knees in repentance and remorse.

Wednesday, 16 March 2016 Isaiah 13:9-13

Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked

for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless. I will make people more rare than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the LORD of hosts in the day of his fierce anger.

Someday, someday soon, the patience of the LORD will come to an end. The wrath of an enraged holy Being will wreak His justice upon His Creation that has been despoiled by the willful sin of man. It will be the Day of His fierce anger.

Praise the LORD, I am covered by the blood of Christ. Are you?

Thursday, 17 March 2016

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

So you want to see what furious, righteous, enraged anger is like? Keep on keeping on in the same disobedient path. Keep ignoring the evidence that can be plainly seen for it is embodied in the Creation. Keep finding ways to disregard or dispute the evidence of the Designer's Hand.

Friday, 18 March 2016

Romans 5:9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Hallelujah, as we sing the praise chorus "Nothing But The Blood"¹

Your blood speaks a better word Than all the empty claims I've heard Upon this earth Speaks righteousness for me And stands in my defense Jesus it's Your blood

Saturday, 19 March 2016 Romans 9:22-23

What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, (23) in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

The Day of His Wrath is coming and will be accompanied by the Day of His Mercy. there will be a stark comparison between the vessels of His wrath and the vessels of His mercy as each is displayed before the Great Judgment Seat. I know where I will be and pray that each reader of this column will be seated with me.

Lord's Day, 20 March 2016 Psalm 119:92

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

This brief statement focuses on a key element in the function of the Law and its proper application, i.e., that it keeps those who follow it from the afflictions of sin.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



March 14-21, 2016

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.

Voices Together has and continues to be, a very important part of that search. It is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Scriptures as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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^{*}LORD or LORD, God the Almighty always refers to the Trinitarian God.