

Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Four • Psalm 76

Singing the Praises of God's Wrath

WHAT Should We Do with God's Wrath?

1. Some say to **DENY** God's wrath.

2. Others prefer to **REPLACE** God's wrath.

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

"Till on that cross as Jesus died/The wrath of God was satisfied."

some would prefer to replace with

"Till on that cross as Jesus died/The love of God was magnified."

3. Many choose to **IGNORE** God's wrath.

4. The Psalms teach us to **PRAISE** God's wrath.

WHY Should We Sing the Praises of God's Wrath?

1. Because God's wrath makes God **KNOWN** in both salvation and judgment. (vv. 1-3)

- In the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve sinned, *what did God do?*
- With the Ten Plagues and the parting of the Red Sea, *what did God do?*
- On the Cross when Jesus died for the sins of the world, *what did God do?*

2. Because God's wrath **CONQUERS** the mightiest enemies with just His spoken Word. (vv. 4-6)

3. Because God's wrath will cause all the earth to **FEAR** Him. (vv. 7-9)

4. Because God's wrath will cause man's wrath to **PRAISE** Him. (vv. 10, 12)

WHEN Should We Sing the Praises of God's Wrath?

1. In the **PAST** when Israel was saved through wrath. [Historical Praise like in *Exodus 15:1-21* and *the Psalms*]

2. In the **PRESENT** when the Church is saved through wrath. [Christological Praise like in *Philippians 2:5-11*]

3. In the **FUTURE** when the Kingdom will come through wrath. [Eschatological Praise like in *Revelation 11:15-19; 15:1-8*]

Sing the praises of God's wrath in order to be true to WHO God is and WHAT we will one day actually do when His kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

Our Response

"Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them; Let all who are around Him bring gifts to Him who is to be feared." (v. 11)

Praise God's Wrath...

- **With Surrender:** Put your trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ, before it is too late.
- **With Sincerity:** Keep your promises to the Lord your God.
- **With Sacrifice:** Give your best to honor the God who should be feared.
- **With Sharing:** Tell everyone near and far the Good News of salvation in Jesus right now *and* the Bad News of wrath in Jesus in the future.
- **With Singing:** Praise the God whose wrath is satisfied in Christ alone for salvation!