

NOT ASHAMED

Romans 1 - 8

A Revelation of Wrath

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TOPIC : Romans: 2 A Revelation of the Wrath

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MEDITATION TIME:

Welcome to our weekly small group BIBLE MEDITATION outline. The goal is to get people chewing on the Word of God. We use a simple strategy called **S. O. A. P.** to guide us through.

Let's dive in:

S - SCRIPTURE: Today's text(s) are:

Romans 1:18-23 and 2:5-2:16

We encourage you to each read a verse as you go round the group - use whatever translation you have.

If you don't want to read aloud then just nudge the person after you, but do your best to join in.

O - OBSERVATION:

The goal here is to underline or highlight the verse that stands out to you the most.

What verse that catches your attention?

What words or phrases in that verse stand out in particular?

Take a few moments individually to answer these questions.

A - APPLICATION: Now ask people to take turns to share their verse, by getting them to answer these two questions:

Which verse did you choose and what is it saying?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit is highlighting this verse to you?

P - PRAYER: Once everyone has had a chance to share their verses, close the evening with a round of prayer.

Ask everyone to turn their verse and what they felt God saying to them into a short prayer for the rest of the group.

Go clockwise around the table giving everyone a chance to pray.

GOING DEEPER:

Brent finished with four response steps to the revelation of God's wrath:

1. Make sure that you have accepted Jesus' offer as a substitute to take your place in receiving God's wrath for your sin.
2. Don't 'wrath on others'! We who have received mercy instead of wrath, should not be extending wrath, instead of mercy. Are you leaving room for God's wrath or holding offense and bitterness?
3. Don't trust your own religiousness, morality or culture to save you from God's wrath. Trust only in God's provision of Jesus to save you.
4. Do your best to look for opportunities to rescue others from the coming wrath.

Question 1: Which of the four responses challenges you most and why?

ACTION STEP

The Challenge:

Are you right with God?

Examine your heart and see how and where you may have drifted from God's plan for your life.

Are you trying to be God's wrath judging others?

Stop it.

Romans 2:1-3

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere human being, pass

judgment on them and yet do the same things,
do you think you will escape God's judgment?

Forgive them and let God deal with them.

Question 2: Do you struggle to release people to God's wrath (forgiving them) by holding them under your own wrath?

Whose righteousness are you trusting in?

Your own or in Jesus's.

Question 3: Have you had an opportunity to share your hope in Jesus recently? How did it go? Or what is holding you back?