Romans 2:1-11 - Living in Light of God’s Wrath

* Day 1

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

**1a** Therefore you have no excuse,

1b everyone of you who passes judgment,

1c for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself;

1d for you who judge practice the same things.

**2a** And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

**3a** But do you suppose this, O man,

3b when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself,*

3c that you will escape the judgment of God?

**4a** Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience,

4b not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

**5a** But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart

5b you are storing up wrath

5c for yourself

5d in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

**6a** who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON

6b ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

**7a** to those

7b who by perseverance in doing good

7c seek for glory and honor and immortality,

7d eternal life;

**8a** but to those

8b who are selfishly ambitious

8c and do not obey the truth,

8d but obey unrighteousness,

8e wrath and indignation.

**9a** *There will be* tribulation and distress

9b for every soul of man

9c who does evil,

9d of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

**10a** but glory and honor and peace to everyone

10b who does good,

10c to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**11a** For there is no partiality with God.

1. What comes to your mind when you think about the wrath of God? How have you thought about this attribute throughout your life?
2. Read Romans 1:18-32. What does this section have to say about God’s wrath?
3. Read Romans 2:1-11. How does the “therefore” in Rom 2:1 connect this section with the previous?
4. Who is the “you” being addressed in chapter 2? (cf. 2:12-29)
5. Why do the “you” have no excuse?
6. How would you summarize the actions of the “you” in vv. 1-3?
7. What are the consequences of these actions according to Paul?

* Day 2

Read Romans 2:1-11 again.

1. What is the kindness and patience of God supposed to do according to v. 4?
2. What was their response to God’s kindness according to v.5?
3. What is God’s response to a stubborn and unrepentant heart according to v. 5?
4. Where do you see stubbornness or a lack or hesitancy to repent in your life?
5. When will the wrath of v. 5 occur?
6. How will God judge according to v. 6?

* Day 3

Read Romans 2:1-11 again.

1. What are the two outcomes of judgment according to vv. 7-8?
2. Who receives eternal life according to v. 7?
3. Who receives wrath according to v. 8?
4. How do vv. 9-10 fit into the argument of the larger section in the book of Romans?
5. What does v. 11 tell us about God? Why is this important?
6. Summarize the authors’ intended meaning of Rom 2:1-11 in 21 words or less.
7. How should you live in light of God’s wrath?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would comprehend God’s wrath and thus comprehend his love and grace toward us through Christ.