

are you ready for the daily dump? i hope you all know that i speak to myself as well as others as i write each day. food is for the hungry; not the satisfied.

as i was laying on my bed this morning, i was thinking of what the Lord might have me to say today. i was also praying for several unsaved ones the Lord has laid on my heart. just a sidebar here, it is good for one to plant a seed of their need to receive a harvest of it. in other words, if one needs money, they should sow money. if one needs time, they should sow time. if one needs a lost loved one redeemed, they should remember others that do also. it is God's law that a seed reproduces after it's kind. that's what i was doing this morning. but i think that is not where we are headed today.

our taste buds have a variety of range. most of us prefer the deserts even as we often abstain from the less tasty vegetables. (i think i can bear witness to that.) wasn't it was president bush 41 that used to comment on how much he disliked broccoli. while the delicacies may be more enjoyable, it is the broccoli that might nourish us more. that goes for the natural man and the spiritual man. yes, even more for the spiritual man. "therefore we do not lose heart. even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day." 2 cor 4:16 we all need to feed more that which is eternal instead of that which perishes.

another sidebar here. for years my confession was that we do not have to go out of this word decrepit. in other words, beaten up and broken down. i still

believe that to be true. i just wasn't specific enough in my confession. when one looks at look at my current physical condition, they might judge God as unfaithful. when i look at my spiritual condition, it is not beaten up and broken down. even as the old hymn proclaims, "it is well with my soul". and my new confession: "God isn't finished with me yet!"

back to topic. have you ever been sitting in church and felt the preacher was speaking directly to you. perhaps expounding on things you felt he shouldn't know about. this is the Holy Spirit wielding His sword. "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." heb 4:12 He is working on us daily. working to mold us into the image of the Son.

do you correct your child when they do wrong. hopefully it is always done with a sense of love and not anger. have you ever been "spanked" by God? conviction is a good thing. it not only can lead us to God but also keep us on that "narrow path". God is love and full of mercy and patience; a grasp beyond our reach. but is there a limit? "Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off." rom 11:22

i think it was joy behar on the show "the view", that i once heard proclaim she did not believe in an afterlife. if that be the case, how does anyone

determine what is right or wrong? if there be no judgment or punishment, then opinions and actions are left to the individual. if there be no fear or moral compass, will anything be off limits? when that is the case, should one seek justification when they are wounded by another; when right or wrong or good or bad is each person's decision, it is arbitrary?

the doctrine of the wrath of God has fallen on hard times. in today's world, any concept of God's wrath upsets our modern sentiments. it's too disconcerting, too intolerant.

we live in a day where we have set ourselves as the judge and God's character is on trial. "how can hell be just?" "why would God command the israelites to destroy the canaanites?" "why does God always seem so angry?"

the fact that so many people struggle with these questions, and many more like them, means that more than ever right thinking is needed about the doctrine of God's wrath. it is needed for motivation for christian living, fuel for proper worship, and as a toolbox to confront objections to christianity.

here are five truths i have researched about God's wrath. God's wrath is just. God's wrath is to be feared. God's wrath is consistent in the old and new testaments. God's wrath is His love in action against sin. God's wrath is satisfied in Jesus.

has anyone considered that the wrath of God is just Him withdrawing His self from the equation. could it be allowing sin and evil have their full reign in a

separated place? a place called hell. without God there would be no light or goodness or right or wrong or mercy or love. God's hatred of sin is just. He is forever holy and will remain unchanged. praise God His wrath is not reserved for us. why? "for He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 cor 5:21 He is our escape from the wrath to come. let us never fail to know that and be ever thankful of His marvelous gift.

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