

WHY Study Scripture Passages on Sin and Wrath?

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THE TITLE QUESTION:

While the book of Hosea has some astounding statements about God's love and forgiveness, the majority of Hosea is revealing sin and declaring God's wrath against it (like a lot of the Bible). So is it really necessary to study the sin/wrath stuff? If so, WHY?

1) Because every last word of God's Holy Word is eternally important.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of our God will stand forever.

Matthew 4:3-4

3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Psalm 19; Job 23:12; Psalm 33:4; Psalm 119; Revelation 22:19

2) Because superficial diagnoses lead to false remedies.

Positive thinking, secular psychoanalysis, prosperity gospel and popular culture simply do not have the true solutions that are needed in this life. In fact they don't even know the true problem.

The source of all our sickness, sorrow, pain and death is found our sinful state.

False remedies can lead to a 'slow & subtle' OR a 'sudden & surprising' calamity.

3) Because understanding sin and wrath will make you wiser.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to counsel.

Psalm 19:7-11

God's Word on sin is what reveals the folly of our fallen world and sinful hearts.

4) Because understanding sin and wrath will warn you of great danger.

Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Psalm 1

- 1 *Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;* }
- 2 *but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*
- 3 *He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*
- 4 *The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.* }
- 5 *Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;* }
- 6 *for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.* →

Psalm 19:11; Psalm 119:9-10

5) Because understanding sin and wrath will help you cherish the Gospel.

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. 2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

