

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, August 31, 2025

1. Read Isaiah 9:8-10:4
2. Why is it so beneficial to know and embrace the wrath of God?
3. What characterizes God's anger? How is it different from the anger we experience?
4. This passage is made up of four stanzas, each of which concluded, "For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still" (v.12, 17, 21, 10:4). What is Isaiah saying in this refrain?
5. Are Christians subject to the wrath of God? Why or why not?
6. In Rom.3:23-25 Paul says of Jesus Christ that "God put Him forward as a propitiation by His blood." What does that mean?
7. Having put forward Jesus Christ as a propitiation for our sins, God now responds to our sin by sanctifying us and at times chastening us. What does it mean that God sanctifies us? What does it mean that He chastens His children?
8. Isaiah identifies four sins that provoked God's anger against Israel. What are they? What are some lessons you learn from this?

9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?

10. Pray!

Reading of Law: John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in Heaven, blessed be your most glorious name. We thank you for your love for us and how you have displayed this love in the most unmistakable of ways in sending your Son, our Savior, to die in our place for our sins. This is the love of God, and there is no greater love than this. As your people this is the example you have set for us, telling us to love one another just as you have loved us, yet we confess we have failed to do this. We love self more than we love our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are more concerned about self than about one another. We do not adequately express the love of God to other believers, but the love we show is often tepid and temperamental, depending more on feelings and emotions than on the power of the Holy Spirit. Father, please forgive us and please work your love in us so that we would love one another as your Son has loved us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 5:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

WLC: 196 (The final question of the WLC! Next week we will begin the Heidelberg Catechism)

Q. 196. What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, (which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and

the glory, forever. Amen.) teaches us to enforce our petitions with arguments, which are to be taken, not from any worthiness in ourselves, or in any other creature, but from God: and with our prayers to join praises, ascribing to God alone eternal sovereignty, omnipotency, and glorious excellency; in regard whereof, as he is able and willing to help us, so we by faith are emboldened to plead with him that he would, and quietly to rely upon him, that he will fulfill our requests. And, to testify this our desire and assurance, we say, Amen.

[Matt. 6:13; Rom. 15:30; Dan. 9:4, 7-9, 16-19; Phil. 4:6; 1 Chr. 29:10-13; Eph. 3:20-21; Luke 11:13; 2 Chr. 20:6, 11; 2 Chr. 14:11; 1 Cor. 14:16; Rev. 22:20-21.](#)

NT Reading: Revelation 15:1-8

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished. ² And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire-- and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. ³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! ⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." ⁵ After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, ⁶ and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. ⁷ And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, ⁸ and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.