AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Romans 1:18*

Title: ***God's Wrath Revealed***

Central Truth: The reality of God's wrath against sin explains why every person needs the Savior - Jesus.

I. v. 18a: The Reality of God's Wrath

This *(v. 18)* is closely linked to *(v. 17)* unless there is something to be saved from, there is no point in talking about salvation!

Two main words for wrath in the New Testament:

1. **thumos**: _____

2. **orgē**: _____

II. v. 18b: The Revelation of God's Wrath

KJV - **is revealed**, **is being revealed** (Greek - *apokalupto*) It means to unveil, to uncover. The present tense speaks of continual action. It is the same word used in v. 17 where Paul says that *"the righteousness of God is revealed."*

1. **Recipients** *(of God's wrath)* KJV - **ungodliness**, NIV - godlessness This word speaks of a lack of reverence for God. KJV - unrighteousness, NIV - **wickedness** - This is injustice toward our fellow man.
2. **Repression** *(of God's truth)* KJV - **hold**, NASB & NIV - **suppress** This word means to hold down, restrain, hinder. Paul is saying that most people realize there is a God and He expects something from us. Therefore, many people choose to smother or deaden their hearts or consciences and ignore God.

Three tenses of God's wrath being revealed:

1. **Past**: (c.f. Genesis 3, 6-7, 19) _____

In the New Testament the supreme example of God's wrath is displayed on the cross!

2. **Present**: *Two primary ways:*
   1. **Direct personal intervention**
   2. **Cause and effect of God's spiritual *(moral)* law**
3. **Future**: *(eschatological wrath)* - eternal hell _____

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