

The Wrath of God

How to Escape it?

How to Prepare for it?

1. **Romans 5:12** - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned –
2. **Romans 3:23** - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
3. **Ephesians 2:3** - Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
4. **Revelation 14:9-11** - And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."
5. **Revelation 20:15** - And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Sinner's Destiny

1. **Romans 5:9** - Much more then, **having now been justified by His blood,** we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
2. **Ephesians 2:4-10** - But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
3. **1 Thessalonians 5:9-10** - For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **who died for us**, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

The Only Escape from the Lake of Fire

Romans 1:18-32

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Unbelievers Experience the Present Wrath of God

Colossians 3:5-17

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For **it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come**, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him – a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

And so, **as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.**

How Believers Escape the Present Wrath of God

1. **Revelation 6:12-17** - And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a **great earthquake**; and **the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair**, and **the whole moon became like blood**; and **the stars of the sky fell to the earth**, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. And **the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up**; and **every mountain and island were moved out of their places**. And **the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man**, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and **from the wrath of the Lamb**; for **the great day of their wrath has come**; and who is able to stand?”
2. **Revelation 11:18** – “And the nations were enraged, and **Thy wrath came**, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”
3. **Revelation 14:19-20** - And the angel swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered *the clusters from* the vine of the earth, and threw them into **the great wine press of the wrath of God**. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

Unbelievers do NOT Escape from the Wrath to Come

4. Revelation 16:1-21 - And I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth."

And the first angel went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

And the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like *that* of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.

And the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous art Thou, who art and who wast, O Holy One, because Thou didst judge these things; for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink. They deserve it." And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments."

And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory.

And the fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east. And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. ("**Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.**") And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called HarMagedon.

And the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was *it*, and so mighty. And the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

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5. **Revelation 15:7-8** - 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. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until **the seven plagues of the seven angels** were finished.

6. **Revelation 19:11-16** - And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and **He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True**; and **in righteousness He judges and wages war**. And **His eyes are a flame of fire**, and upon His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *upon Him* which no one knows except Himself. And **He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood**; and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. And **from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations**; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and **He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty**. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Unbelievers do NOT Escape from the Wrath to Come

1. **1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** – For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.*
2. **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11** – For **God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us,** that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. 11 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.
3. **2 Peter 3:11-18** – Since **all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!** But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and regard the patience of our Lord to be salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Believers Escape from the Wrath to Come

1. Luke 21:34-36 – “**Be on guard**, that your hearts may not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day come on you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. But **keep on the alert at all times, praying** in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place (*physical preparations*), and to stand before the Son of Man (*spiritual preparations*).”

2. Spiritual Preparations:

- a. Make sure you are born again (Sheep and Goats, Matthew 25:31-46; 7:21-23).
- b. Deal with strongholds and weaknesses NOW (2Cor 10:3-6; Rom 13:14; Gal 5:16-18)
- c. Obey the LORD and maintain first love for Him always (Deut 6:4-5; Rev 2:4-5; 2Pet 3:11-18)

3. Physical Preparations:

- a. Food and Water and Shelter
- b. Health and Medicines
- c. Any other things necessary for your welfare and safety in the Tribulation

How to Prepare to Escape the Wrath of the Devil

1. Geographical: We escape tsunamis, floods, earthquakes, etc. This is God's doing, so thank God for His goodness.

2. Governmental:

- 1. With a good government, we have escaped the lawlessness which characterize much of modern societies.**
- 2. With a wise government, we have escaped much of the financial debacle happening in the rest of the world.**
- 3. With a far-seeing government, we have prepared for oil, water and food since we have to import everything.**
- 4. With a righteous government, we have the blessing of God's protection.**

How is Singapore to Escape the Wrath of God

1. **Sin**: Sin, especially in believers, will cause God to remove His wall of protection (see Isaiah 5)
2. **Unbelief**: When God's people do not believe His word, but add and take away from it.
3. **Disobedience**: When God's people live in persistent disobedience to clear commands of God's Word, they store up judgment to themselves.
4. **False Teaching**: When false teaching enters into a church, sooner or later, unbelief, disobedience and sin will characterize that church until the judgment of Isaiah 6:9-10 falls upon them.

**What can Destroy God's Protection Over a
Righteous Nation?**

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The Book of Proverbs

- 14:31 He who oppresses **the poor** reproaches his Maker,
But he who is gracious to **the needy** honors Him.
- 21:13 He who shuts his ear to the cry of **the poor**
Will also cry himself and not be answered.
- 22:2 The rich and **the poor** have a common bond,
The LORD is the maker of them all.
- 22:9 He who is generous will be blessed,
For he gives some of his food to **the poor**.
- 22:16 He who oppresses **the poor** to make much for himself
Or who gives to the rich, *will only come to poverty*.
- 22:22-23 Do not rob **the poor** because he is **poor**,
Or crush **the afflicted** at the gate;
For the LORD will plead their case,
And take the life of those who rob them.
- 28:27 He who gives to **the poor** will never want,
But he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.
- 29:7 The righteous is concerned for the rights of **the poor**,
The wicked does not understand *such* concern.

Galatians 2:10 - *They (the apostles) only asked us (Paul and Barnabas) to remember **the poor** – the very thing I also was eager to do.*

Obadiah 15

God's Principle of Retribution

"For the day of the LORD draws near on all the nations. **As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.**"

1 John 3:16-18 – Sacrificial Love

We know love by this, that **He laid down His life for us**; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But **whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.**

Matthew 25:34-40

The Good Deeds of the Sheep

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

"And the King will answer and say to them, '**Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.**'"

Righteousness Delivers from Death

1. Proverbs 10:2 - Ill-gotten gains do not profit, But **righteousness delivers from death**.
2. Proverbs 11:4 - Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But **righteousness delivers from death**.
3. Proverbs 21:3 - To do righteousness and justice is desired by the LORD rather than sacrifice.
4. Ezekiel 14:13-14 - "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it, and cut off from it both man and beast, even *though* these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, **by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves**," declares the Lord God.
5. Ezekiel 14:17-20 - "Or *if* I should bring a sword on that country and say, 'Let the sword pass through the country and cut off man and beast from it,' even *though* these three men were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord God, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters, but they alone would be delivered. Or *if* I should send a plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it, to cut off man and beast from it, even *though* Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord God, "they could not deliver either *their* son or *their* daughter. **They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.**"
6. Philippians 3:7-11 - But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, **not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith**, that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.