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(**A BALANCED MESSAGE**)

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Words Of Art: Severity G663 *ap-ot-om-ee'-ah*

From the base of G664; (figuratively) *decisiveness*, that is, *rigor*: - severity.

G664 Adverb from a derivative of a compound of G575 and τέμνω *temnō* (to *cut*); *abruptly*, that is, *peremptorily*: - sharply (-ness).

"When we look at hail we know that it's a cold, hard fact. The cold, hard fact is that God's severity sharply cuts through man's denial of truth and gets straight to the point. Either you are worthy of death or worthy of God's goodness." S. Williams

OPENING REMARKS:

- Looking at the state of the world and giving the gospel
- Understanding the gospel helps us see the father in a different light
- A look at the seven churches and the seals
- God's people getting ready to sound the trumpets and the preparation they go through before they do
- Our doctrine needs to be perfected and balanced about how we see God using the scriptures

Previous study – "*The Invisible God* – Rom. 1. Oct. 10, 2016" [Click here to download.](#)

We need to be balanced, because you can't go out and give a one sided message about God.

PRAYER

Look at Rom. 1:16 : Paul makes the statement that he wants to preach the gospel:

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God [*ability that God has*] unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- A look at salvation as being set free from the sin *we* have recorded in our minds

- Circumcise your heart using words allowing God to set us free from the sin that is in our minds.

(See: Col. 2:11 Circumcision made without hands)

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

- When you pass your faith to another person, you're giving them the righteousness of God
- Throwing God into the mix
- Personalizing the scriptures and the impact it can have on our lives as it goes from faith to faith

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness [*iniquity*] of men, who hold [*restrain*] the truth in unrighteousness [*iniquity*];

- Shifting gears or the flip side of the coin

Rom 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them [*God showed it to them - how?*].

- He's dealing with the church

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him [*God*] from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood [*considered*] by the things that are made [*his church*], *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

- "the things that are [G4161] made - if you go to Eph. 2:10, this same word is translated "his workmanship".
- The church considers and understands the Godhead
- God is using His church to tell people, but not everyone receives it

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- The church has considered it. They understand it, and it's the church God has used to give the truth so that they can see the invisible characteristics of God

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Underline the word "knew". [G1097] *ghin-ocē'-ko*

- A prolonged form of a primary verb; to "know" (absolutely), in a great variety of applications and with many implication : - allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) known (-ledge), perceive, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand
- We are not talking about somebody who has never been told the truth.

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful [*for what he had done-for the messages they're being given*]; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened [*this darkened their heart*].

Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise [*they profess themselves to be wise - "we know the truth"*], they became fools,

Rom 1:23 And changed the glory [*character*] of the uncorruptible [*incorruptible*] God into an image made like to corruptible man,...

- The image to the beast

Rom. 1:23 ... [*they make him like*] and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

The protestant church entering into perfect wickedness.

- God giving them up

Rom 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts [*what did they do?*], to dishonour [*they dishonored*] their own bodies between themselves:

- As he progresses in his understanding, it leads into homosexuality - this can't be denied.

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

- It isn't what you say, it's what you do that allows people to see where you really are.

Rom 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

- Not everybody who rejects God is going to become a homosexual
- It all begins with rejection of truth and having a mind void of judgment.
- Paul stated in 1 Cor. 9:27 that he didn't want to become a castaway or reprobate.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate [*castaway*] mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- Being sure-footed [balanced] allows the heavens to rule so that the kingdom will be sure to you

Dan 4:26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

- Looking at the literal heavens and the earth
- Walking on one foot
- We need to see what's happened to us and what we need to see to go forward

Rom 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

Rom 11:14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are my flesh [the Jews]*, and might save some of them [*the Jews*].

Rom 11:15 For if the casting away [rejection] of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving *of them be*, but life from the dead?

Rom 11:16 For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches.

Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree [*being a Gentile*], wert grafted in among them [*the Jews*], and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Rom 11:18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. [*your root is bearing you*]

Rom 11:19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

Rom 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest [*you're standing*] by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

- Why fear?

Rom 11:21 For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee.

Rom 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God [*there's your balance- there's the goodness & there's the severity*]: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if [*there's a big two letter word*] thou [*if you*] continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Rom 11:23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted [*back*] in: for God is able to graff them in again.

Rom 11:24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

- God's goodness, his severity, his people and those worthy of death

Rom 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

- "Does God consider any person on this planet to be worthy of death?" __Yes or __No

Rom 1:32 Who [*these people*] knowing the judgment of God [*that God has determined, God's determination*], that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same [*do they continue to do it*], but have pleasure in them that do them [*have pleasure in other people that do it too*].

- 1st Understanding the love and the severity of God will lead to a balanced message.
- 2nd The protestant churches have perfected wickedness. When the truth about God's love is revealed to them through faith they refuse it and deem themselves worthy of death.
- Today He [*the Son*] judges the way the Father does & He will let you go down whatever path... you are your own universe. You do whatever you want to do, be whoever you want to be - go do whatever. But you *can't* negate what these verses are saying & if they bother you, then you have an issue you need to deal with. These things will bother people who have sin in their lives.

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Gal 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Gal 6:9 [*Consider this*] And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

- You've got to remain strong in Christ, strong in the truth, moving forward & understanding the truth about God, being balanced.

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things [*for you're doing the same things yourself*].

Rom 2:2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth...

- We know God's judgment is according to truth

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Rom 2:3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same [*& you do the same*], that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? [*do you think you're going to escape the judgment of God?*]

Rom 2:4 [*This is the point I want you to see...*] Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and

forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

- Just think about this - the riches of His goodness & forbearance & longsuffering - what if I just said his love. You're despising His goodness, forbearance & longsuffering - you're not considering that the goodness of God, or the love of God is supposed to lead you to repentance. That is the point.
- The love of God, the goodness of God, the forbearance of God - God's longsuffering, is supposed to lead you to repent.
- So this isn't something we play with. We're at the end of the world. You get deadly serious and you never forget 'God is not mocked. Whatever you sow, that's what you're going to reap. We're doing it to ourselves. The gospel contains the power of God to save you, & that's what needs to be happening in our lives. The love of God leads you to repentance.

Rom 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation [*revealing*] of the righteous judgment of God;

- You treasure up unto yourself - you're doing this to yourself. What's God going to do? Render to every man according to his deeds. Remember, He is no respecter of persons.

Rom 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory [*God's character*] and honour and immortality, [*He will give them*] eternal life:

Rom 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness [*obey iniquity instead*], [*what do they get?*] indignation and wrath,

Rom 2:9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

Rom 2:10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

Rom 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Closing thoughts:

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he [*Christ*] also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy [*render inactive*] him that had the power of death [*the one who has the strength of death*], that is, the devil [*who? our adversary - the adversity within the human agent*];

Heb 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

- He wants to deliver us from the whisperer - He died to do that. Death is a hard thing for us to understand, but to consider that God had a son & allow Him to die to set us free from the whisperer, set us free from adversity... and then to consider that we're told the truth

and we twist it to put our own meanings to it to try to make God like us.

- We need to see it the way God sees it!

Prayer: