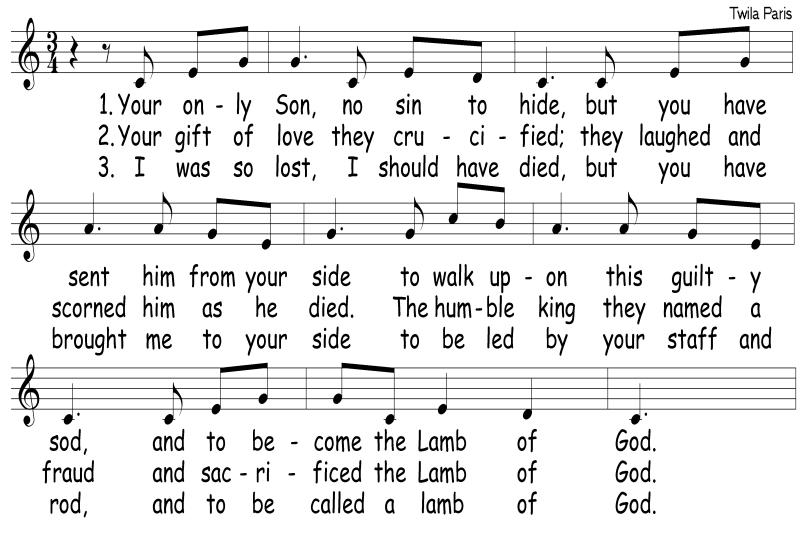
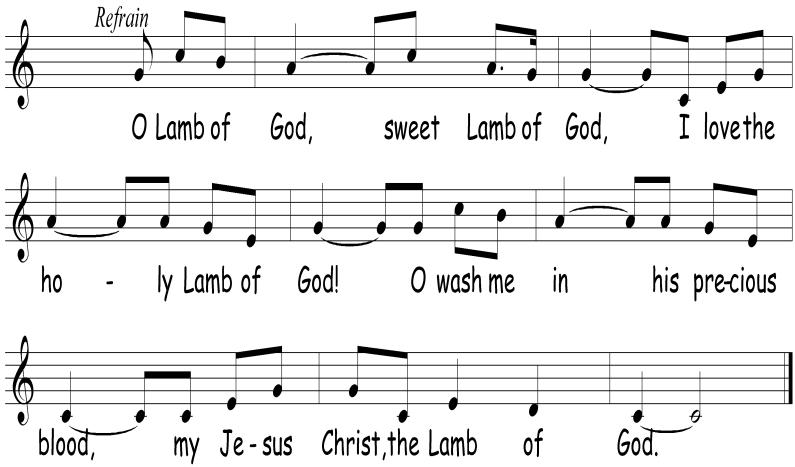


#### Lamb of God





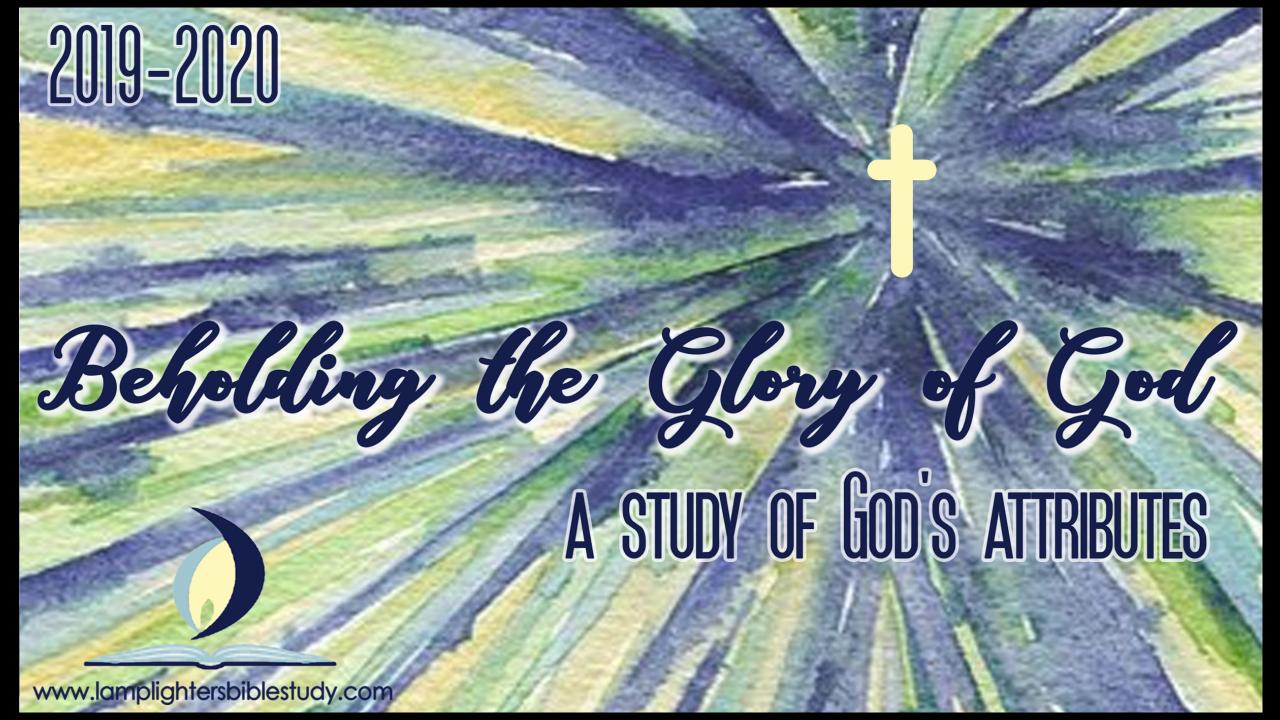
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#### **Announcements**

- Different circumstances—in keeping with recommendations from the CDC, we have cancelled the remaining classes of Lamplighters.
- We will post the last three lectures online, as they become available (i.e. today—the Goodness of God's Wrath; April 1—God is Love; April 8—God is Worthy). Wednesdays about 10:00.
- Please stay in touch! With your small groups, your small group leaders, and us! <u>Jan.skaggs1@gmail.com</u> and <u>lynnroseadams@gmail.com</u>
- Stay tuned for an announcement about next year's study.

# Story—Jan Madden

The saga of Jan Madden and the little black skirt!



#### THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S WRATH

PART 1—the good gift of God's Wrath

- Definition
- The Problem
- The Good News

#### PART 2—what now?

- Questions
- Responses
- Love in the time of Qovid-19

## Scriptures about God's Wrath

Rom. 1:8 1 Chron 27:24 2 Chron. 24:18

2 Chron. 36:16 Ezra 7:23 Job 20:28

Isaiah 51:22 Jeremiah 25:15 Jeremiah 42:18

Daniel 11:36 Rom. 1:18 Rom. 2:5

Rom. 9:22 Rom. 13:4 Eph. 5:6

Col. 3:6 1 Thes. 2:16 Rev. 14:10

Rev. 14:19 Rev. 15:7 Rev. 16:1

Rev. 16:19 Rev. 19:15 John 2:13-17

### God's Wrath

- A manifestation of God's holy, moral character in judgment against sin; not vindictive or malicious; holy indignation; God's anger directed against; never too much or too little.
- An expression of God's holy love
- An immutable attribute

### The Problem

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God's holiness poured out on all unrighteousness, evil, and sin.

"The wrath of God is a lamentation." -- Rabbi Heschel

"Developing a biblical view of that worst of all places is like eating our 'spiritual spinach'—unappetizing, but good for us." --Ann Spangler

### The Good News

- God provides the answer
- God provides the clothes
- God provides the power

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"We are saved <u>from</u> God,

<u>by</u> God,

<u>for</u> God!"
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#### The Good News

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"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
      How unsearchable His judgments,
      and His paths beyond tracing out!
Who has known the mind of the Lord?
      Or who has been His counselor?
Who has ever given to God,
     that God should repay Him?
For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things.
      To Him be the glory for ever and ever! Amen."
                                          Rom. 11:33-36
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#### What Now?

• "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amos 5:24

Discipline is not the same thing as wrath.

Sent by God or a reflection of our fallen world?

## How Should We Respond?

- Deep reflection--Ask the Lord to break our hearts with what breaks His; confess; and thank Him!
- Identify and pray for those the Lord brings to mind.
- Spend time in praise!

God's wrath is temporary, but His love lasts forever!

#### Love in the Time of Qovid-19

- Acknowledge the elephant in the room—how are you doing?
- Balance the overload; know your tipping point.
- Establish a routine.
- Get moving.
- Drink more water and less caffeine and alcohol; eat when you are hungry.
- Make a list of the things that haven't changed or been cancelled; share.
- Ancient rhythms: gratitude, silence, solitude, meditation...then action!
- Remember the most important thing of all:

#### **GOD HAS NOT CHANGED!**

## Psalm 23

"I will fear no evil..." "Because You are with me."

### GOD IS FOR US, AND GOD IS WITH US

