

REJECTING GOD.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Romans 1:24-32.

B. Regarding the text:

1. **Vss. 18-32** reveals man's condition without the Gospel.
2. They thought they were so wise – yet God regarded them as fools (**v. 22**).
 - 1) They denied the deity of God (**21-22**).
 - 2) Note: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."
 - a. **Psalm 14:1** "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."
 - b. They rejected the wisdom from above (**Pro. 3:5-7**).

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE OBSERVE...

I. THE PHRASE "GOD GAVE THEM UP" (24, 26, 28)?

A. I have heard some say, "God gave up on them."

1. Not what is stated.
2. God gave them up **TO SOMETHING**.
 - 1) **Vs. 24** "gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts..."
 - 2) **Vs. 26** "gave them up unto vile affections..."
 - 3) **Vs. 28** "gave them over to a reprobate mind..."
3. "... gave them up" and "gave them over" comes from the same Greek word.
 - 1) These people had left Him. He left them to their own self-determination.
 - 2) Thus, showing man's moral freedom.

B. Man is free to make his own choices.

1. **Psa. 81:11-12.**
2. **James 4:8.**

C. Thus, in the passage, these people left God to go their own way.

1. God gave them up to their own devices.
2. God does not remain in the presence of sin.
 - 1) **Isa. 59:1-2.**
 - 2) **Micah 3:4.**

D. When God gives people over... they are in TROUBLE!

II. WITHOUT GOD, THEY EMBRACED SINFUL THINGS (24-31)?

A. Vs. 24-25: UNCLEANNESS.

1. In **verse 24** we see a summation of their problems.
2. Uncleanness = Lustful, full of impure motives, moral defilement.
 - 1) **Gen. 6:5.**
 - 2) **Mark 7:23.**

B. Vss. 26-27: VILE AFFECTIONS.

1. Vile affections: passions of dishonor.
2. **Rom. 1:26-27** Unseemly = shame.
3. **Jude 7** (NOTE: Their choice).

C. Vss. 28-31: ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. All things corruptible.
2. **Eccl. 7:29.**

III. JUDGMENT IS COMING (32).

A. Note: "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death..."

1. How can one violate God's law KNOWING the punishment involved?
 - 1) Men can dismiss God.

- 2) Some say “He is too loving...”
- 3) Some might think... “I’ll repent someday.”
- 2. Bottom line... We do what pleases us.
- B. Also note: “...not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”**
 - 1. Have pleasure in = to agree with in principle; allow to continue without restraint.
 - 1) **Acts 8:1** “Saul was consenting unto his death...”
 - 2) He held their coats.
 - 2. Our responsibility?
 - 1) **Eph. 5:11** “And have NO fellowship...”
 - 2) **2 John 10-11** “... receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed...”

IV. LESSONS FOR US.

- A. Know the truth (John 8:32).**
- B. Live by and defend the truth (1 John 1:7; Jude 3).**
- C. From Romans 1 we learned:**
 - 1. The Gospel is our rule for salvation.
 - 2. Man’s wisdom is foolish.
 - 3. Sin causes men to be separated from God.
- D. Rejecting God and His word is fatal.**