

Romans 1 (Part 3) :18-32 • The Wrath of God Revealed

- What are the 3 categories of humans that Paul divides his argument into. What are they?
 - The godless
 - The moralist
 - The Religious
- Define each of them.
- Can you personally relate to any of these categories?
- What are the three things listed in this passage that provoke the wrath of God?
 - Suppression of truth
 - Worshipping the creature rather than the Creator
 - Man's perversion of nature (i.e. homosexuality)
- What truth is mankind guilty of suppressing?
 - That God exists
- Why does sinful mankind desire to suppress the truth of God's existence?
- What evidence does the Apostle cite that God has given to mankind regarding His existence?
 - Nature/ the creation
- In verse 21 what did God give to those who choose to ignore the evidence of God's existence?
- What is the obvious evidence in Creation that declares God's existence?
 - The presence of design in Creation
 - The fact there is "order" in nature
- Why is design obvious to us?
- In verses 24 and 25 what are the two natural results in society when people reject the existence of God?
 - Impurity/ sexual immorality (v24)
 - Worship of created things (v25)
- What do all humans have in common with regard to worship?
 - We were created to worship God, so in the absence of a belief in God we will find something to worship.
- In verses 26-27 what natural passions are being "exchanged" for unnatural ones?
- Why are same-sex attractions contrary to nature?
- How has the existence of "lust" defined society's determination of right and wrong?
- In verse 28 what is "a debased mind?"
 - Perverted, degenerate, degraded, etc
- How does Paul define the debased mind in verses 29 thru 31?
- **Commentary on verse 32:** Those who abuse sex (1:24), who pervert sex (1:26, 27), and who practice the other sins listed (1:29-31) have an innate knowledge not only that these things are wrong but also that they themselves are deserving of death. They know this is God's verdict, however much they seek to rationalize or legalize these sins. But this does not deter them from indulging in these forms of ungodliness. In fact they unite with others to promote them, and feel a sense of camaraderie with their partners-in-sin.
- Why is the argument that says "I was born this way" a meaningless one?