

SIN AND THE HUMAN RACE

ROMANS 1:18-32

INTRO: It would be accurate to say that **SOCIETY IS FALLING APART BECAUSE OF SIN!** It does take long to come to that conclusion as we look around us. Consider: 1) The rejection of biblical principles and the acceptance of secular opinions. 2) The practice of lawlessness in every level of society from the home, to the church, to the public square. 3) The legalization of murder in America through abortion. 4) The practice of all forms of immorality around us. 5) The acceptance of same-sex relationships in our culture. 6) The lack of personal holiness in the church. The list could go on and on. One may ask the question, **“WHERE DID ALL OF THIS BEGIN?”** Without too much thought most of us would answer that question by saying **“IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN.”** That would be true, but the concept of sin goes beyond the act of Adam and Eve to the very heart of mankind. To find the answer to our question we need only to turn to the Word of God and specifically to Romans chapter one. In that text we have the **BIBLICAL EXPLANATION OF THE SOURCE OF SIN IN THE HUMAN RACE.**

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RECENT EVENTS THAT MOTIVATED THIS MESSAGE

- 1) The United States Supreme Court’s rejection of the Federal Defense of Marriage Act.
- 2) The ACLU’s law suit against the Commonwealth of PA’s Defense of Marriage Act.
- 3) The decision of the PA Attorney General not to Defend the PA Defense of Marriage of Act in light of the ACLU’s law suit.
- 4) The choice of the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania official who is willing to give out marriage license’s to those seeking same-sex marriage.
- 5) The statement of the State College, PA Mayor who said that she would be willing to perform a same-sex marriage ceremony to any couple who came before her with a valid marriage certificate. (At the present time such a certificate would be bogus).

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Certainly it would be appropriate for me to deliver a message today on what the Bible has to say about SAME-SEX marriage, but I have done that before and will undoubtedly do it again in the future as the Lord leads. But today I want to go a bit deeper and look at the **ROOT CAUSE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND ALL OTHER SIN THAT OCCURS IN SOCIETY.**

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AN OBSERVATION

Romans 1 is the biblical description of the sinfulness of mankind and how it is true that anyone in the world who rejects Christ will stand WITHOUT EXCUSE BEFORE GOD. But in describing the sinfulness of mankind, the whole concept of HOMOSEXUALITY is emphasized. WHAT DOES THAT SAY TO US? **THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS THE EPIDEMY OF SIN.**

I. THE REVELATION OF GOD’S WRATH – VS. 18

A. God’s Wrath Explained – The **wrath of God against sin** is not AN OUTBURST OF ANGER BY GOD, but **the settled, determined response of a righteous God against sin.** Psalm 2:12.

B. God’s Wrath Revealed – “REVEALED FROM HEAVEN.”

NOTE: The word “revealed” means “uncovered” or “made more visible.” The fact is, **IT IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN THAT GOD’S WRATH IS TARGETED TOWARD ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. NONE IS EXEMPT!**

HOW IS GOD’S WRATH REVEALED FROM HEAVEN?

1. Indirectly through Natural Law – Certain things will naturally happen because of God’s curse on the earth due to sin...Sickness; Disasters...none of which would ever have been had not sin entered the human race.

2. Directly through Personal Divine Intervention

- a. Adam and Eve being driven from the Garden of Eden
- b. The scattering of the population at the Tower of Babel
- c. The destruction of the earth in the Flood of Noah.
- d. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- e. The ultimate intervention: CHRIST JUDGED ON THE CROSS.

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE REJECTION OF GOD’S EXISTENCE – VSS, 19-21

A. God’s Existence is Planted Sovereignly by God in every person – Vs. 19

-Seen in the ability to reason between right and wrong – 2:14,15

B. God’s Existence Perceived in Creation – Vs. 20

1. God cannot be physically seen, but His creation CAN BE SEEN which is a clear proof of **HIS EXISTENCE!** Acts 14:15-17

2. God’s greatness is seen in His creation

a. His Eternal Power and God-head – The fact that God has **CREATED** all things and **SUSTAINS** all things shows His great power.

b. His Godhead – Every aspect of God’s existence is seen in creation.

1) God the Father Designed the Creation

2) God the Son Performed the Creation

3) God the Holy Spirit gave Order to the Creation

THE RESULT: **THOSE WHO REJECT GOD ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE!**

1) God holds all people responsible to develop a relationship with Him.

2) Even those who have not received a clear presentation of the Gospel have received a **CLEAR REVELATION OF HIS EXISTENCE AND CHARACTER.** Those who reject Him have therefore suppressed that revelation of God seen in Creation.

3) When a person responds to the Revelation of God as seen in Creation, **GOD WILL PROVIDE A MEANS TO HEAR THE GOSPEL FOR THAT PERSON.**

-The Ethiopian Eunuch – Acts 8:26-30 (God sent Stephen)

-Cornelius the Gentile – Acts 10:1-48 (God sent Peter)

-The Philosophers at Mars Hill – Acts 17:27 (God sent Paul)

C. God’s Existence is Ignored – Vs 21

-When mankind rejects God as seen in His creation, the result is spiritual darkness that leads to all sorts of unrighteousness.

ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S JUDGMENT – VSS 22-31

NOTE: WHEN MANKIND REJECTS GOD, GOD RESPONDS WITH SPECIFIC JUDGMENT.

A. God gives them up to Uncleaness – Vss. 22-25

THEY CANNOT DO RIGHTEOUSNESS

NOTE: When God is rejected more and more spiritual filth occurs.

B. God gives them up to Vile Affections – Vss. 26,27

THEY CANNOT LOVE RIGHTEOUSNESS

NOTE: When mankind rejects God, God will abandon mankind – Hosea 4:6

NOTE: From this text it is revealed that the main judgment of God on those who reject Him on earth is IMMORAL LIVING TO THE POINT OF HOMOSEXUALITY.

C. God gives them up to a Reprobate Mind - Vss, 28-31

THEY CANNOT THINK RIGHTEOUSNESS

NOTE: The word “REPRPBATE” means that which has “FAILED THE TEST AND IS WORTHLESS AND USELESS.”

NOTE: The reprobate mind produces wicked behavior...PARTICULARLY HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY.

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. THE REALITY OF GOD'S PERCEPTION – VS 32

“DEATH”

ILLUSTRATION:

PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE LIFE THAT CAN BE RECEIVED THROUGH CHRIST!
Romans 3:23; 6:23

LESSON: The rejection of God results in the wrath of God. John 3:36.

The reception of God results in the life of God. John 3:36