

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: Romans – Message 6

2017 VISION: *Prioritizing God*

Scriptures for Today: Romans 1:22-27 – People change God’s glory and truth; God gives them up

Title of Today’s Message: Creature Worship – *Oh how the world lies to dress up its sin!*

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned that when a person stands before Almighty God on Judgment Day, they will be without excuse. Although we cannot see God, the Bible says the **invisible** things of Him from the creation of the world are **CLEARLY** seen. The Bible says everyone understands God’s eternal power and Godhead through the things that He **MADE**. This means that no person can say they did not know there was a Creator in God’s courtroom. According to the Judge of all the earth, people **KNOW** there is a God and **CHOOSE** not to worship Him and be thankful. Today, we are going to see the truth from God’s Word about what happens when people reject God’s light. The Bible says that when people profess to be wise in their own eyes, they become fools. And, they **CHANGE** the **glory of God** into an **image** and the **truth of God** into a **LIE**. As a result, God gives people up to fulfill their sinful and wicked desires and to vile affections. According to the Bible then, when people reject God’s light and clear revelation from creation and the Bible, He allows them to do what they **WANT** to do!! Therefore, when we see horrific crimes and outlandish sinful behavior, we really should not be surprised! Only those who think people are inherently good are surprised. Beware – it is in you. *O wretched man that I am!*

PREACHING NOTES

1. ***“Professing THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, they became fools, and CHANGED THE GLORY of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.” Romans 1:22-23***

- ✓ When people **reject God’s light and clear revelation** they become fools...

Psalms 14:1; 53:1 *“The fool hath said in his heart, **There is no God...**”*

NOTE The next time someone says, “Well, I believe _____ or I think _____” ... ask them for a Scripture from the holy Bible. What is their authority? It is either God’s Word or THEM.

- ✓ They **make gods to suit themselves** and change God’s uncorruptible glory into an image...

Exodus 20:4 *“**Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water...”***

Isaiah 40:18 *“**To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?”***

Ezekiel 8:10 *“**So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall...”***

Colossians 3:5 *“**Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and **covetousness, which is idolatry:** For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh...disobedience”***

Examples: What are modern-day idols? Materialism, Success, Image, Work, Sex, Phones, etc.

NOTE When a man or woman, boy or girl rejects the LIGHT that God put in them ... and the Law written on their heart ... and their conscience ... and God’s creation ... they CHANGE (re-think and re-shape) the glorious uncorruptible God **into a god** (“*well...my god*”) that fits into their sinful lifestyle. Imagine being a child of the glorious, uncorruptible God and consuming yourselves with your own idols. *“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”* (1 Jo 5:21) *Ugh!*

2. ***“Wherefore God also GAVE THEM UP to uncleanness through the lusts of their own HEARTS, to dishonor **their own bodies** between themselves: 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.”***

Romans 1:24-25

- ✓ **God gave them up to uncleanness through THE LUSTS of their own hearts – their own BODY...**

Jeremiah 17:9

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: **who can know it?**”*

Mark 7:21-23

*“For **from within**, OUT OF THE HEART of men, **proceed evil thoughts**, adulteries... blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **All these evil things COME FROM WITHIN...**”*

1 John 2:16

“For all that is in the world, THE LUST OF THE FLESH ... is not of the Father...”

NOTE

All thoughts, desires, lusts and emotions come from the heart. When God gives someone up to the lusts of their own heart – look out! THIS IS **WHY** WE SEE WHAT WE SEE IN THE WORLD TODAY!!! It is the LUST OF THE FLESH unbridled or unrestrained by God – people who love to sin against God because it FEELS GOOD to do it! Now, think about why you sin against God. Is that why we sin also? Because it feels good? *O wretched man that I am!*

- ✓ **They changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped the CREATURE more than God.**

1 Corinth 12:2

*“Ye know that **ye were Gentiles**, carried away unto these DUMB IDOLS...were led.”*

1 Peter 4:3

*“For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought **the will of the Gentiles**, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, ... **and abominable idolatries:**”*

NOTE

Oh how the truth of God has been CHANGED INTO A LIE! Think about these: *“Marriage is not a man and woman”, “Alcoholism is a disease”, “Pornography is ok”, “I have to live with them”, “Abortions are the right to choose”, “Homosexuality is an alternate lifestyle choice”, “God wants me to have fun”, “We are not to judge”, “It’s just a little sin”, ... etc. etc. etc.*

3. ***“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**: And likewise also the men, **leaving the natural use of the woman**, burned in THEIR LUST one toward another; men with men working that which is **unseemly**, and receiving in themselves that recompense of THEIR **ERROR** which was meet.”*** Romans 1:26-27

- ✓ **God gave them up unto vile affections – THE LUST OF THE EYES – to defile their own SOUL ...**

Leviticus 18:22

“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: IT IS ABOMINATION.”

1 John 2:16

“For all that is in the world ... THE LUST OF THE EYES ... is not of the Father...”

NOTE

God has not changed His mind on the matter. Homosexuality is sin against Almighty God.

- ✓ They receive from God in themselves **that recompense** of THEIR **ERROR** which was due them.

W1828 “unseemly”

Not fit or becoming; uncomely; indecent.

W1828 “recompense”

To compensate or to repay with equivalent return.

W1828 “error”

A wandering or deviation from the truth; when voluntary, it is perversion.

NOTE

Our society today BELIEVES THEIR LIE that homosexuality and unnatural sexual perversion represents an “*alternative lifestyle*” which is an acceptable choice – and they want to teach this in the schools to little children! That is insane! But, it is natural man begin himself! In some “churches”, “*practicing homosexuals*” have even been ordained saying, “*God is a forgiving God.*” It is like saying, “*it is ok to be a practicing fornicator, or a practicing drunk, or a practicing pedophile!*” Homosexuality is an “*alternative lifestyle*” but **not a good one!** It was abomination in the OT and still is. It should be repented of and forsaken like all sin!