

## HOW GOD SHOWS HIS ANGER/WRATH

Romans 1:24-32

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** Adam and Eve messed up in the Garden of Eden and God was angry with them and showed His anger by removing them from the Garden and His presence as well and things went downhill fast after that. Every since then people have acted in such a way that God has had to keep His distance and is angry with those who ignore and disobey Him, therefore God shows His anger and wrath to those who reject Him.

### I. GOD GIVES PEOPLE UP TO DO AS THEY WANT (v 24)

1. Whenever a person chooses sin over God, things happen:
  - That person becomes a slave to sin, committing more and more.
    - The more a person sins, the easier it is to sin again.
      - Sin looks alright, seems alright, feels alright.
      - Sin is attractive but addictive.
      - Sin becomes the master of that person.
  - Sin tempts, showing itself to be pleasurable, stimulating and brings happiness, but it really destroys a person's:
    - body, values, mind, friends, life, hope, profession, family, future, will, and soul.
  - Sin always affects others, one's children, wife/husband, friends and society.
2. Whenever a person turns away from God, it is a spiritual abandonment:
  - God has given every person freedom to make his/her own decisions.
  - God appeals to people's spirit through mercy, love and grace.
  - God has never violated how He made people, He gave everyone the freedom of choice.
  - When a person turns away from God, he/she has chosen to do so and God will not/cannot interfere.
  - People are left alone to do exactly as they choose, and God must:
    - give them up.
    - let them go their own way.
    - spiritually abandon them.
    - let them live as they have chosen.
      - Psalm 81:12; Acts 7:42

### II. GOD GIVES PEOPLE UP TO THEIR UNCLEANNESS/IMMORALITY/FILTHINESS (vv24-25)

1. When people desire things that displease God that dishonors their bodies, God has to give them up.
  - Mark 7:20-23
  - Sin takes place in one's heart before he/she commits the act.
2. When people live in uncleanness, they have changed the truth of God into a lie and are worshiping and serving what God made, not GOD who made everything.
  - People serve themselves, following their own desires, lusts.
  - People serve their "made-up" gods of their imagination either in their minds or in some hand-made image.

3. People leave God and desire unclean things:

- A god in their own mind that allows them to satisfy their desires.
- Thinking that their god will not judge them for any uncleanness or immorality.
- Thinking that their god will allow them to do whatever they want.
- Matching their god to fit what they want.
- People abandon God so they can live the kind of life (unclean) that they desire.
  - 2 Peter 2:15; 1 John 2:15-17; Jeremiah 1:16; 2:13; 2 Chronicles 30:7

### **III. GOD GIVES PEOPLE UP TO THEIR VILE, UNNATURAL AFFECTIONS (vv 26-27)**

1. When people lust and crave the unlawful, the illegitimate, God gives them up.

- When women burn in lust and exchange the "natural" into the "unnatural" it is against God's way.
- When men burn in lust toward other men, doing that which is shameful, it is against God's way.
- Sin takes place in one's heart and when a person burns within, he/she is craving that sinful act before they commit it.
  - The heart burns after others than God, therefore God condemns that heart/person.

2. "Unnatural affection" is a totally depraved nature.

- God leaves people to make their own choices but when they choose to go against God's will/plans, God must give them up to their own choices.
- If a person burns after unnatural affection, God gives that person up to burn and crave all the more.
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:4-5; Hebrews 13:4

3. Homosexuality is against all that God made man and woman for, therefore God will and must give those up who commit such an act and bring judgment upon that person.

### **IV. GOD GIVES PEOPLE UP TO THEIR DEGRADED, DEPRAVED MINDS (vv28-31)**

1. When people don't want to think about God they:

- don't want to approve God.
- don't want to recognize God.
- don't want to acknowledge God.
- don't want God to have anything to do with their lives.

2. People are allowed to do exactly as they choose, therefore God gives them up to their total depravity.

- People become enslaved even more to their chosen behavior way of living.
  - Galatians 6:7-8; Romans 2:5
  - Unrighteousness, Fornication, Wickedness, Covetousness, Maliciousness, Envy, Murder, Debate, Deceit, Malignity, Whisperers, Backbiters, Haters of God, Despiteful, Proud, Boasters, Inventors of Evil things, Disobedient to parents, Without understanding, Covenant Breakers, Without natural affection, Implacable

### **V. GOD WILL GIVE FINAL JUDGMENT (DEATH), ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM HIM (v32)**

1. People will be judged because they sin and take pleasure in others who do the same thing.

- Romans 1:29-32; Isaiah 5:20; Ezekiel 13:22; Malachi 2:17

2. People will be judged because they have no excuse for they know that God will straighten out the mess the world is in and that there will be judgment and punishment.  
- Romans 6:23; 8:6; Hebrews 9:27; James 1:15; Revelation 21:8; Proverbs 11:19; Ezekiel 18:4

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. God made mankind in His image and therefore every person has the freedom to choose, however with the freedom to choose, there comes consequences.  
- Choose to do what God wants and there will be good consequences.  
- Choose to do other than what God wants and there will be bad consequences.
2. Jesus came to make the ONLY way for a person to be restored to a right relationship with God and if a person chooses to ignore Jesus and what He offers will spend eternity separated from God and in a terrible place called Hell.
3. ***"...For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life....." John 3:16***