

WHY ISN'T GOD MORE ACTIVE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES?

Romans 1:24:32

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: God is very loving, more so than any human being ever can be, for He has provided a way for people to have eternal life and live in a heavenly place in His very presence. However, God is not seen nor heard from very often. Why is it that God does not step into human history more often? Truthfully, God is not pleased with man's behavior as He first created man to be.

I. GOD HAS GIVEN FREEDOM TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT

1. Whenever a person chooses sin over God, God leaves that person to his/her sin.
 - Choosing sin over God brings enslavement to sin and therefore stirs up more sin.
 - The more a person sins, the easier it is to sin again and again.
 - By sinning, a person becomes addicted and a slave to sin.
 - Sin always lies, claiming to bring pleasure, happiness and such, but in reality destroys a person.
2. Whenever a person turns away from God and gives God up, God does not step in.
 - God has given every person a free will and will not interfere with a person's choices for God has made people free to do as they please, to choose, accept whatever they want.
 - God never forces Himself upon anyone and the choice is always each person's.
 - Whenever a person turns away from God, God must therefore:
 - give that person up.
 - let that person go his/her own way.
 - spiritually abandon that person.
 - leave that person to live for what he/she chooses.

II. GOD GIVES PEOPLE UP TO THEIR BEING UNCLEAN

1. Whenever a person turns from God, leaving Him to live an unclean and immoral life, God leaves that person.
 - Lust, passionate desires, urges that dishonor one's body and life usually fill the hearts of those who leave God.
 - God cares deeply about a person's body and whenever one abuses his/her body, that displeases God.
 - Sin always takes place in a person's heart before it is acted out.
 - Mark 7:20-23
2. Living an unclean life is not more than idolatry, for people change the truth of God into a lie and worship and serve the human body and their human wants more than God, thus a form of idol worship.
 - People abandon God for what their body and minds want, a form of godliness.
 - 1 John 2:15-16

III. GOD GIVES PEOPLE UP TO THEIR UNNATURAL AFFECTIONS

1. People lust and lust, craving for that which is unnatural, illegitimate and unlawful.
 - Women and men burn in lust and exchange that which is "natural" into that which is against nature. (Homosexuality)
 - All the lust and craving starts in a person's heart causing that person to commit the shameful act.
 - Their hearts burn after others of their own gender, not after God, therefore God is forced to judge, condemn and leave them.

2. Whenever a person chooses such a life style, it is that person's choice and God does not override a person's choice, therefore that person is judged by God and given up to his/her vile affection.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:4-5; Hebrews 13:4

IV. GOD GIVES PEOPLE UP TO THEIR DEPRAVED MINDS

1. All people have an innate knowledge of God but they don't want to think about God for they:
 - do not like to acknowledge God.
 - do not like to approve God.
 - do not like to recognize God.
 - do not want God to have anything to do with their lives and therefore push God out of their minds.
2. People are allowed by God to do exactly as they choose and therefore they become enslaved in many ways which causes God to give them up to their sinful, reprobate, depraved minds.
- Galatians 6:7-8; Romans 2:5

V. GOD'S FINAL ACT OF DISAPPROVAL OF SUCH PEOPLE WILL BE ETERNAL DAMNATION

1. People who have rejected God throughout their lives will stand before the God they rejected and be judged.
 - People who spend their entire lives trying to fulfill their desires, lusts and appetites, taking pleasure in their sins and the sins of others, approving and talking about their sinful lives.
 - Those who live such lives will be separated from God eternally.
- Romans 1:32; Isaiah 5:20
2. People have an innate, inner sense about God and inside their hearts, they know that one day they will stand before the God they have rejected, in judgment.
 - People sense that there is a higher power and that what is wrong will be eventually paid for.
 - People will be judged because they have no excuse for they "know" that God is God.
- Romans 6:23; 8:5; Hebrews 9:27; James 1:15; Revelation 21:8

CONCLUSION:

1. When God created the first couple (Adam and Eve), they were perfect in every way and God walked every day with them in their perfect environment.
 - They were free to do whatever they wanted to.
 - The first couple chose to disobey God and God had to withdraw from them and has remained at a distance from mankind ever since.
2. God still loves every human being and sending His Son, Jesus, to do what He did for the sinfulness of people proves how much God still loves every person.
3. People still love their sinfulness and God still cannot be around those who have decided they'd rather have sin than God, therefore God has withdrawn from people.
4. People are free to live either in sin or apart from sin for God will not interfere nor stop a person from choosing to ignore Him and follow after sin.
5. There will be a day, however, when every human being will stand before the God whom they ignored and lived their lives in sin or the God whom they loved and tried to live as He has instructed.
 - Every human being will either spend eternity in a place prepared for all who have loved sin, Hell, or a place prepared for those who have believed in God's Son, Jesus Christ, called Heaven.

