**Sermon Series:**

***How Did We Get Here?***

*(a verse-by-verse study of Romans 1, 2)*

***Coming to Terms with The Awful Wrath of God*** *(Part 3)*

**Romans 1:18-23**

**I.** The ***Reality*** of God’s Wrath *(v 18a)*

**II.**  The ***Reason*** for God’s Wrath*(vv 18b-23)*

**A.** Mankind Is Deserving Of Eternal Death Because He Has Deliberately ***Resisted***

God*(vv 18-20)*

**B. Mankind Is Deserving Of Eternal Death Because He Has Completely \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_God** *(v 21)*

The very things that were designed by God to mercifully lead man back to Himself have been blatantly disregarded and \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Instead of responding in obedience to the truth that they have been given, Paul says that man has moved from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the truth to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the truth.

***1) His refusal to***  ***God*** *(v 21)*

The word that’s translated ***“honor”*** is a word that is better translated “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Isaiah 43:7; Leviticus 10:3; Romans 11:36; I Corinthians 10:31**

In choosing not to honor God, man has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God. And in doing so, they have committed the worst \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ imaginable!

***2) HIs refusal to express*** ***to God*** *(v 21)*

Even though man knows about God, he isn’t content to simply refuse to give Him glory, he won’t even give Him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Men’s hearts are not only completely void of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they’re also completely void of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The word translated ***“futile”*** is a word that means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

***“…but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”***

The word translated ***“thinking”*** is a word that refers to a person’s reasoning or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ process.

A person who deliberately rejects God is someone whose mind has become completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and filled with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Throughout the Bible, the term ***“heart”*** is a reference to the place where all of our thoughts, words, and deeds \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

By rejecting the truth of God, sinful man has literally plunged his foolish heart into even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**C. Mankind Is Deserving Of Eternal Death Because He Has Ultimately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God** *(vv 22-23)*

The most foolish person in the world is the one who has exchanged the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God for the \_\_\_\_ of man!

Ultimately, what man thinks is true is merely the product of his own self-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Even though man has rejected God, he still had to find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to put in God’s place.

Imagine it, man has exchanged the glory of the one true God for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gods that he has made with his own hands.

**Conclusion:**

***To reject the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***of God is to incite the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***of God!***

**“**Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, ***but whoever does not believe is condemned already***, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” **John 3:18**

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