

POWER FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING



A STUDY OF ROMANS

#3: THE PROBLEM OF UNBELIEF—1:18-32

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What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.

A.W. Tozer

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1. The suppression of the truth (v.18-20)

A God of love must hate anything that harms those He loves. A God of love must take action to protect the innocent against the malicious. A God of love must mean business when He declares a certain action “off-limits.” After all, a law without consequences is no law at all.

Chuck Swindoll

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.

Psalms 19:1-4 (NLT)

2. The distortion of worship (v.21-23)

3. The perversion of life (v.24-32)

- **Sexual perversion (v.24-27)**

What is the answer? Why does God give a civilization over to this kind of thing? He does it because when darkness prevails, and despair and violence are widespread, men and women are most ready to come to the light. He gives mankind up so that in their despair they might give themselves to his grace.

R. Kent Hughes.

Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NLT)

- **Intellectual perversion (v.28-31)**

How terrible it will be for people who call good things bad and bad things good, who think darkness is light and light is darkness, who think sour is sweet and sweet is sour.

Isaiah 5:20 (NCV)

- **Spiritual perversion (v.32)**