

Studies In Romans

(Romans 1:18-28)

1. Who shall see the wrath of God?

The ungodly, the unrighteous, and those who suppress the truth in unrighteousness: *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:18).*

- It is obvious that the ungodly are condemned (**II Peter 2:5-6, II Peter 3:7, Jude 4, and Jude 14-15**; cf. **I Peter 4:17-19**).
- The unrighteous are sure to face God’s wrath too (**Romans 2:8** and **II Thessalonians 2:10-12**).
 - To be saved you have to forsake unrighteousness (**Isaiah 55:7** and **I Corinthians 6:9-11**).
 - All unrighteousness is sin (**I John 5:17**) and sin has a sure judgment (**Romans 6:23**).
- To hold [seize; restrain, suppress; Strong’s # 2722; cf. **Matthew 21:38** and **Luke 4:42**] the truth is to keep it from spreading (**I Thessalonians 2:14-16**).

2. Can those whom shall see the wrath of God say they never had a chance to know Him?

No: *“(19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:19-20).*

- **Job 26:7, Psalms 8:3-9, Psalms 19:1-6, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Isaiah 40:22, Isaiah 40:26, Jeremiah 27:5, Acts 14:15-17, Acts 17:16-31, and Colossians 1:23.**

3. What happened to the hearts of some in times past?

Was darkened: *“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened” (Romans 1:21).*

- They knew God, but did not glorify Him (**Psalms 4:2, Jeremiah 2:11, John 3:17-19, Acts 3:14, and Acts 7:52**)
- They became vain (**Jeremiah 2:5** and **Ephesians 4:17-19**).
- The darkened heart would reveal that they had turned to darkness rather than light (cf. **Acts 26:18**).

4. What did they do when they thought they were wise?

“(22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (23) 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).

- Self-professed wisdom (**Proverbs 26:12, Isaiah 47:10, Romans 12:16, and I Corinthians 3:18-19**).
- Changing the glory of God into idolatry (**Psalms 106:20**).
- Regarding idolatry (**Exodus 20:3-4, I Corinthians 10:14, II Corinthians 6:14-18, and I John 5:21**).

5. Did God prevent them from dishonoring their bodies through homosexuality?

No, He gave them up to do so: *“(24) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: (25) 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. (26) 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: (27) 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 recompence of their error which was meet” (Romans 1:24-27).*

- God will give you up to your own sinful desires (**Psalms 81:11-12, Hosea 4:17-18, and Acts 14:16**).
- God has always condemned homosexuality (**Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, I Corinthians 6:9-10, and Jude 7**; cf. **Genesis 18:16-19:25**).
- The natural sexual relation is between a man and a woman (**Genesis 2:18-25**).

6. How did God respond to those who did not like to retain Him in their knowledge?

He gave them over to a reprobate mind: *“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient” (Romans 1:28).*

- Some want to forget about God (**Job 21:14-15, Proverbs 1:29, Jeremiah 4:22, Acts 24:24-25, and II Peter 3:5**).