

A study in
Romans
1:18-32

In the
hands of
an angry
God

Romans
1:18

- ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN – TOWARD THE ACTIONS
- MEN WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Who

Romans 1:19 -
21

- ALL THE WORLD IS THE REVELATION OF GOD
- IN KNOWLEDGE THEY DID NOT HONOR HIM
- PROFESSING TO BE WISE THEY BECAME FOOLS

What

Romans 1:21 -
32

- GAVE THEM OVER
 - LUSTS OF THEIR HEARTS
 - DEGRADING PASSIONS
 - DEPRAVED MIND

Result

WRATH IS REVEALED 1:18

1⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Ephesians 4:26–27 - It is possible to be angry and not sin

James 1:20 – Human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires .

John 2:13-16 – Jesus got angry with religious leaders because their motives were wrong

19 BECAUSE THAT WHICH IS KNOWN ABOUT GOD IS EVIDENT WITHIN **THEM**; FOR GOD MADE IT EVIDENT TO **THEM**.

20 FOR SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD HIS INVISIBLE *ATTRIBUTES, THAT IS,* HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE, HAVE BEEN CLEARLY PERCEIVED, BEING UNDERSTOOD BY WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT **THEY** ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE.

21 FOR EVEN THOUGH **THEY** KNEW GOD, **THEY** DID NOT HONOR HIM AS GOD OR GIVE THANKS, BUT **THEY** BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR REASONINGS, AND **THEIR** SENSELESS HEARTS WERE DARKENED.

22 CLAIMING TO BE WISE, **THEY** BECAME FOOLS,

23 AND **THEY** EXCHANGED THE GLORY OF THE INCORRUPTIBLE GOD FOR AN IMAGE IN THE FORM OF CORRUPTIBLE MANKIND, OF BIRDS, FOUR-FOOTED ANIMALS, AND CRAWLING CREATURES.

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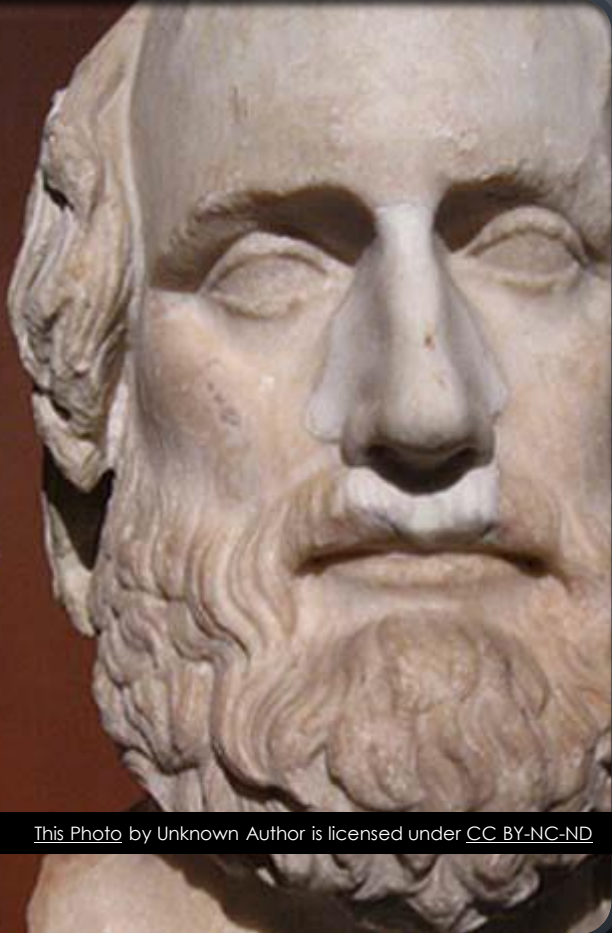
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WHEN ONE
WITH HONEYED WORDS
BUT EVIL MIND
PERSUADES THE MOB,
GREAT WOES BEFALL THE STATE.”

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NOMADIC POLITICS

FIRST GROUP – THE INTELLECTUAL GREEKS

- PAUL’S POINT OF VIEW THEY WERE CALLED **GENTILES** – FROM ALL PARTS OF THE EMPIRE
- HELD TOGETHER BY A COMMON LANGUAGE.
- SLAVES, FREEDMEN, AND LOW-CLASS CITIZENS
- ALL ABOUT KNOWLEDGE. (TWO SUB GROUPS: THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH)
- CHRISTIANITY WAS A BELIEF THAT WOULD CREATE A COMMON BOND (CLUB TO JOIN)
- GOD IS THE ULTIMATE JUDGE.
- AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE, IT IS GOOD ENOUGH
- MY WORKS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR FAITH, OR ETHNICITY
- GOD WAS UP THERE, AND HE WAS ANGRY AND FULL OF WRATH. A FEELING OF NEVER LIVING UP TO EXPECTATIONS.

24 THEREFORE GOD GAVE THEM UP TO VILE IMPURITY IN THE LUSTS OF THEIR HEARTS, SO THAT THEIR BODIES WOULD BE DISHONORED AMONG THEM.

25 FOR THEY EXCHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD FOR FALSEHOOD, AND WORSHIPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE RATHER THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER. AMEN.

26 FOR THIS REASON, GOD GAVE THEM OVER TO DEGRADING PASSIONS; FOR THEIR WOMEN EXCHANGED NATURAL RELATIONS FOR THAT WHICH IS CONTRARY TO NATURE,

27 AND LIKEWISE THE MEN, TOO, ABANDONED NATURAL RELATIONS WITH WOMEN AND BURNED IN THEIR DESIRE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER, MALES WITH MALES COMMITTING SHAMEFUL ACTS AND RECEIVING IN THEIR OWN PERSONS THE DUE PENALTY OF THEIR ERROR.

28 AND JUST AS THEY DID NOT SEE FIT TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD, GOD GAVE THEM UP TO A DEPRAVED MIND, TO DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE NOT PROPER,

29 PEOPLE HAVING BEEN FILLED WITH ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, WICKEDNESS, GREED, AND EVIL; FULL OF ENVY, MURDER, STRIFE, DECEIT, AND MALICE; THEY ARE GOSSIPS,

30 SLANDERERS, HATERS OF GOD, INSOLENT, ARROGANT, BOASTFUL, INVENTORS OF EVIL, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS,

31 WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, UNTRUSTWORTHY, UNFEELING, AND UNMERCIFUL;

32 AND ALTHOUGH THEY KNOW THE ORDINANCE OF GOD, THAT THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS ARE WORTHY OF DEATH, THEY NOT ONLY DO THE SAME, BUT ALSO APPROVE OF THOSE WHO PRACTICE THEM.

GOD'S WRATH REVEALED TO UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

- WRATH
- REVEALED
- UNRIGHTEOUSNESS



THE NEED OF FORGIVENESS

FORGIVENESS IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE A RELATIONSHIP. TO BUILD AGAIN THE BROKEN BRIDGE, TO MAKE FRESH, TO START OVER.



QUESTIONS

- DID THE ACTIONS OF THEM, DESERVE TO BE ABANDONED?
- ARE THOSE WHO ARE MORALLY CORRECT BUT DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE GOD DESERVING OF THIS ABANDONMENT?
- IS THERE A PLACE WHERE GOD JUST GIVES UP ON SOMEONE?
- IS THE RESPONSE OF GOD EQUAL TO REVENGE?
- WHAT DO THESE FOOLS NEED ABOVE ALL ELSE?

Three concepts of forgiveness

1. Exoneration

2. Forbearance

3. Release



EXONERATION

- CLOSEST TO WHAT MUST THINK OF WHEN THE WORD “FORGIVENESS”
- EXONERATION IS WIPING THE SLATE FREE.
 - LETTING IT GO
 - RESTORATION TO THE PREVIOUS STATE OF INNOCENCE
- EXONERATION IS A RETURN BEFORE THE HARM WAS MADE
 - ABSOLUTE AND WITHOUT EXCUSE
- THREE SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE EXONERATION
 1. THE HARM WAS AN ACCIDENT. THERE WAS NO INTENT TO DO YOU HARM, THERE IS NO FAULT THAT CAN BE ASSIGNED.
 2. THE PERSON THAT HURT IS NOT CAPABLE OF MALICE
 3. THE HURTFUL IS TRULY SORRY, TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY, AND ASKS FOR FORGIVENESS, AND GIVE YOU THE ASSURANCE IT WILL NOT BE REPEATED IN THE FUTURE.



FORBEARANCE

- **PARTIAL APOLOGY**
 - **MAKING EXCUSES FOR THEIR ACTIONS**
 - **THAT YOU CAUSED THIS ISSUE**
- **DOES THE RELATIONSHIP WORTH YOUR FORBEARANCE?**
- **FORBEARANCE MEANS**
 - **STOP DWELLING ON THE OFFENSE. IT HAPPENS NO GRUDGES. NO PLANNING THEIR DEMISE.**
 - **DOES NOT BREAK THE RELATIONSHIP**
 - **THEY ARE NOT PERFECT AND NEITHER ARE YOU.**
 - **NOT FORGIVE AND FORGET, BUT MORE FORGIVE AND VERIFY.**
 - **MAY OVER TIME LEAD TO EXONERATION**



HERE IS THE HARD ONE: **RELEASE**

- **RELEASE DOES NOT EXONERATE THE OFFENDER**
- **RELEASE DOES NOT REQUIRE FORBEARANCE**
- **RELEASE DOES NOT REQUIRE A CONTINUATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP**
- **RELEASE IS NO LONGER DEFINING YOUR LIFE BY WHAT SOMEONE ELSE HAS DONE.**
- **RELEASE STOPS THE HURT, THE PREOCCUPATION OF THE NEGATIVE THINGS, THINGS THAT ARE EATING AWAY AT YOUR CHANCE FOR HAPPINESS. IT IS THE “SILENT TAX” THAT IS WEIGHING YOU DOWN.**
- **RELEASE DOES NOT ALLOW THE ONES THAT HURT YOU TO LIVE RENT-FREE, THEY HAVE MORE CONTROL THAN YOU DO.**
- **RELEASE IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH EXONERATION, AND FORBEARANCE**



PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

45 MINUTES

- READ ROMANS THE SECOND CHAPTER. 29 VERSES
 - FIRST QUICKLY TO GET THE BASIC THEME
 - SECOND TIME THROUGH FINDING ANY REPEATED WORDS.
 - THIRD TIME, WRITE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE THAT ARE REVEALED AS YOU READ.
- WRITE DOWN THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS:
 - WHO IS PAUL TALKING ABOUT IN THIS CHAPTER?
 - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME IN MY SPIRITUAL LIFE?

EXTENDING YOUR PERSONAL STUDY 60 MINUTES MORE.

- OUTLINE THE CHAPTER

