

**Lesson 2:
His Wrath is Revealed Against All Men
Romans 1:18-32**

Romans 1:18-23: The wrath of God is revealed against the ungodliness of all men

1. From what place does Paul say "the wrath of God" is being (present tense) revealed? [1:18]

2. And what is the contrast against which this revelation is made? [1:18]

3. What does Paul say men have done by means of their unrighteousness? [1:18]

4. In what way does Paul say men should have recognized "what can be known about God"? [1:19-20]
 - Because of this, what does Paul declare to be true about all men? [1:20]

5. What two things does Paul say men did not do, even though it was clear that there is a God? [1:21]
 - Because of this, how was their thinking affected? [1:21]

 - How did this then affect their "hearts"? [1:21]

6. Following the "suppression" of truth and the neglect of God, what was the next "natural" course for them in their "darkened" state? [1:22-23]

Romans 1:24-32: God "gave them up"

7. As their turning from truth and from God was threefold, the "judgment" (wrath) revealed against them is also threefold. Paul states three times that God "gave them up" – that is, He allowed their actions to bring about their full recourse and consequence, without intervening. Examine 1:24-28 and answer the following:
 - Because men "dishonored" God (1:21) and "worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator" (1:25), what did God "give them up" to, and what were the results of this? [1:24]

 - Because men "exchanged the truth of God for the lie" (1:18, 25), what did God "give them up" to, and what were the results of this? [1:26-27]

ROMANS: *the power of God for salvation*

- Because men “did not like to retain God in their knowledge” (1:22-23), what did God “give them up” to, and what was the result of this? [1:28]

- 8. Romans 1:29-31 reads like a long list of headlines straight out of today’s newsreel. Compare this list and the language Paul uses (“**filled** with **all** unrighteousness” [v29]) to the situation of the world in Genesis 6:5-6 (pre-flood, pre-Jewish “religion”) and the situation of the Pharisees (most respected of the Jewish “religious” world) in Matthew 15:7-11 and 17-20. Considering these passages, does the Bible appear to indicate that people are **MORE** sinful in modern times than in ancient times?

- 9. What further thing does Paul say that all men “know” (it has been revealed by God [vv18-20])? [1:32]

- Even so, what two things do men do despite that knowledge? [1:32]