

Study in Romans

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Romans 1:18-32

God's Temporal Wrath Displayed in the Hedonist

The first two chapters of Romans reveal that God's wrath is essentially Hell here and Hell hereafter. This is not to say that grace is not also generously intertwined in this life on Earth, but for those who stubbornly refuse to listen to and obey God's revelation about Himself in creation, God will give them over to progressively corrupt relationships to Himself, their fellow man, to their bodies and minds, and to creation.

1. The Creator's orgy of temporal wrath on man's inexcusable suppression of His truth (vv. 18-20)
2. Cause: Man's willful rejection of a righteous relationship to God as Creator (vv. 21-23)
3. Effect: Decay of man's relationship to his body, to his neighbor and to creation expressed in sexual perversion (vv. 24-27)
4. Cause: Man's rejection of a righteous relationship to God as Lawgiver (v. 28, 32)
5. Effect: Decay of man's relationships to man in every way possible (vv. 29-32)