

Psalm 19

(2) The Wrath for Ignoring Creation

Rom. 1:18-25

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24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. NASU

Rejecting God as Creator (Ps.19:1-4); what then? ...Romans 1

What's a first *result* when one rejects God's revelation of Himself in creation? Rom.1:18-19

Clearly knowing about God (through creation), but yet no honor/thanks; what's next? 1:21a

And then the next phase in this rejection/judgment is...? 1:21b see Heb.4:12

What's the next step in this downward spiral? 1:22; ICor.1:19-25

And how is this foolishness revealed? 1:23

How does God respond to this foolish worship of created things? 1:24

And why does this all happen? What's the start of it? 1:25

Worship and serve the creature?...

How does God instruct Israel to avoid this blasphemous cycle? Ex.20:4-5; Deut.4:14-19

Besides idols/images, what similar abomination was prohibited? Is.47:13-14; Jer.10:1-5

What awaits for those who steadfastly refuse to worship God rather than 'things'? 1:24-32

And are these 'innocent'? 1:20, 32

What is the ONLY solution to this fatal condition? 6:20-23; 10:9-13; Eph.2:8-10; Jn.3:16; ...

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God declares that they are without excuse. No defense. Universal condemnation.

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They become futile (foolish) in their speculations (thoughts, reasoning). No clear thought!

And then the next phase in this rejection/judgment is...? 1:21b see Heb.4:12

Their foolish (senseless) heart (inner man) was darkened (deprived of light). Locked in!

What's the next step in this downward spiral? 1:22; 1Cor.1:19-25

They profess themselves to be wise but actually become fools (useless, see Luke 14:34)

And how is this foolishness revealed? 1:23

They exchanged (replaced) God's glory (creation) with an image (idol) from His creation!

How does God respond to this foolish worship of created things? 1:24

He gives them over to fulfill the impure lusts of their heart, to dishonor their bodies...

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They trade truth for a lie; worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator! Amen.

Worship and serve the creature?...

How does God instruct Israel to avoid this blasphemous cycle? Ex.20:4-5; Deut.4:14-19

Strictly forbidden to worship/make idols/images of anything. In fact, how stupid!

Besides idols/images, what similar abomination was prohibited? Is.47:13-14; Jer.10:1-5

Absolutely no astrology (prophecy by the stars, predict by new moons). Rampant today.

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God 'gives them over...' to homosexuality, depraved minds, wickedness, evil, etc.

And are these 'innocent'? 1:20, 32

Absolutely guilty! They know their sin, continue in it, and root on others to do the same!

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Salvation is by Grace alone, by Faith alone, in Christ alone! No other way, Acts.4:12.