

# Romans

## (6) The downward spiral

### *God's terrifying response to man's rejection...1:24-25*

What is the "therefore" of verse 24, there for?

**It ties God's response (gave them over) as a consequence to man's sin, vs. 18-23**

And what is it that God does? vs.24, 26, 28 (see Acts 7:38-43, Ps.81:11-12)

**After continually rejecting God, He rejects them. He gives them up to their own devices.**

As evidenced by Israel, what is one of the first consequences of God's action? IIChron.15:2-7

**His protection (from Satan) is partially withdrawn and He troubles them. Not good...**

What is, thankfully, true about this "giving over"? ICor.6:9-11; Is.19:22; IIPet.3:9

**This can be temporary! Repentance and salvation is still the goal.**

What does God here specifically give men over to? vs.24a Results? vs.24b

**Given over to sexual impurity. Result is degrading / dishonoring their (own) bodies.**

And to make sure no one misses the reason for this, what's the reminder? vs.25a

**We had already exchanged the truth of God for a lie, worshiped creatures, not creator.**

So the first thing God gives us over to is called what? vs.25

**It's idolatry, the worship of ANYTHING other than God, who is forever praised.**

What is the terrifying progression of this process? Gen.19; Gen.6-8

**It begins with individuals, then to communities, then to nations, then...**

### *The downward fall continues...1:26-32*

Because of idolatry, God gives them over to what? vs.26

**The first mention here is of female homosexuality. Least likely, showing total depravity.**

And what is the next mentioned perversion? vs.27

**Male homosexuality. Rejected the 'natural', inflamed with lust for the unnatural.**

And in this disgusting perversion there is what immediate result? vs.27b

**From their indecent acts they receive the due penalty (quickly). Self destruction.**

Why does God again "give them up", and what is the result? vs.28

**No longer acknowledged God, He gave them over to a depraved (morally worthless) mind.**

And how is this manifested? vs.29-31

**Overflowing with every kind of evil, greed, depravity! Invent ways of doing evil.**

And what is the final blow in this totally corrupt and depraved picture? vs.32

**This is not out of ignorance! It's deliberate and others are encouraged to participate...**

Does every individual demonstrate every result? 2:1

**Yes, everyone. It's only a matter of degree and/or opportunity. God's Word stands true.**

Where does all this leave EVERYONE? 3:9-18

**Nowhere to hide! All guilty, all unrighteous, all overflowing in evil. EVERYONE.**