

Romans 1:24-32

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) God makes it very clear that what He says does not change with the culture (Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35).
- 2) *1:24-32* If people persistently abandon God, God will abandon them (24, 26, 28).
- 3) *1:25* The lie is the same one that Satan used in the Garden: man is his own god, and he should worship and serve himself.
- 4) *1:26* When God abandons us to our own vices, we suffer the devastation our own sin works in us.
- 5) *1:26-27* In the desire for freedom from God, man turns to an inversion of the created order. When forsaking the Creator, he inevitably forsakes the created natural order.
- 6) Six primary passages refer to homosexuality: Genesis 19:4-9; Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; and 1 Timothy 1:9-10.
- 7) “Desires for things God has forbidden are a reflection of how sin has distorted me, not how God has made me.”
~Sam Allberry
- 8) The real issue in Romans 1 is not the details of a particular sin, but the exchange of God’s glory for self-deification.
- 9) *1:28* A depraved mind is one that cannot form right judgments.
- 10) *1:28* God gives over simply by withdrawing His protective hand, allowing the consequences of sin.
- 11) *1:28* God often allows men to go deeper into sin in order to drive them to despair and to show them their need of Him. Often He punishes in order to heal and restore (Isaiah 19:22).
- 12) *1:24-32* The list of sins Paul mentions is not exhaustive, but is representative of the endless vices with which man is filled.

13) *1:32* The absolute pit of wickedness is reached when those who are themselves involved in evil also give hearty approval to others.

14) God promises strength for victory over sin to all those who will believe in Jesus for their salvation (1 Corinthians 6:11).

GREEK WORDS

Tô ‘ēbâ (to-ay-baw)—abomination [morality]; properly something disgusting, an abhorrence

RESOURCES

Is God Anti-Gay? And Other Questions about Homosexuality, the Bible and Same-Sex Attraction by Sam Allberry
Homosexuality and the Christian: A Guide for Parents, Pastors, and Friends by Mark A. Yarhouse, PsyD
Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality by Wesley Hill

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