

1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

The evidence that God's wrath abides upon a man is manifested by the fact they have been given up to uncleanness and over to the lusts of their own hearts. Just because you have a sickness or disease, or physical infirmities, doesn't mean God's wrath is upon you. Just because you don't have things and blessings that other people have doesn't mean God's wrath is against you. Just because God gives one Christian this and doesn't give it to you doesn't mean his wrath is against you or that you are not right with God or that they are not right with God. Just because someone has money doesn't mean they are the wicked and ungodly ones that prosper in the world and because you don't have much money doesn't mean you're godly or entitled to freebies. Just because people like you or don't like you doesn't make you a godly or ungodly Christian.

You cannot judge if the wrath of God is upon someone according to external standards by the sight of the eye, it must be judged in light of what God said in his word. He clearly says, my wrath is revealed in this life when I give a man over to his own heart to do what he wants to do.

These three steps we have talked about so far: not glorifying God as God, not being thankful, and changing the glory of God into something that is corrupt, inevitably results in moral depravity and uncleanness and in God giving you up to the lusts of your heart. That word uncleanness means filthy, dirty, foul; lack of moral purity, defiled by sin, sinfulness. You say, how do I know if God's wrath is against me or someone else? Easy, are you full of sin? Have you been given over to sin? That's how you know.

Isn't the Bible an amazing book? The world says follow your heart and you'll never go wrong. Believe in yourself and What does your heart say, what is your heart telling you? Contrast that with what the God that created you said about your heart (Jeremiah 13:10, 17:9-10, Genesis 6:3-8). You wonder why you are hated and not liked by the world? Because you believe this! You know why they don't like you Biblical Christians that witness? Because you say the world is evil and wicked and enemies with God (John 7:7, 1 John 5:19-20, Galatians 1:4) and they must repent and believe on Christ to be saved from death, hell, sin, and the grave. They get mad at you because you tell them their holy father aint holy, their holy Mary aint the Mary of the Bible, their Allah is Satan, their Buddha is Satan, their Hinduism is of Satan, their works can't save them, their money can't save them, their WITHOUT HOPE WITHOUT GOD until they are born again of the Holy Spirit!

God said that the wickedness of man was great and that EVERY imagination of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY. You say I don't believe that. Than why don't you open up a newspaper and read what is going on in the world today. Stop living in a land of make believe and face the facts. What you see going on in the world today is a direct result of man sinning against his Maker and not obeying his word. It really is that simple. And the more and more the world wants to get rid of God and his word, the more wicked and vile this world will become. If you keep rejecting, and

rejecting, and rejecting, the word of the LORD and refuse to heed his commands and obey them, you open up yourself to God giving you up to yourself. The worst thing that could happen to any man or woman in this life is for God to cease striving with them and give them up to their own hearts desires. And believe me, God will give a man over to his own hearts lusts.

Notice these people dishonor their own bodies. This is referring to sins you can commit with your body: adultery, fornication, the sins of Sodom and bestiality (Romans 1:26-27, Leviticus 18:22-30), drunkenness (Ephesians 5:18), tattoos (Leviticus 19:28), gluttony (Proverbs 23:20-21).

See also 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.

But praise God we as Christians have been delivered from our own dirty wicked sinful hearts when we were born again (2 Peter 1:2-4, Hebrews 10:21-22)

If there wasn't a cleaning of your conscience, if there wasn't a washing and renewing of the Holy Ghost, and the impartation of a new man that has new desires and a new mindset, you have not been born again. I didn't say if you sin, you are not saved, or that if you backslide you were never really saved to begin with, or if you struggle with sin, you have not been born again: what I am saying is when a man is born again he becomes a new creature! (2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:15). If there wasn't a change of heart, a new heart given, I doubt you have been born again.

Everywhere I look in that Bible, when the Spirit of God enters into a man, things are different.

- Your desires are godly and want to do godly things (Philippians 2:13, Hebrews 13:20-21, Romans 7:18)
- You become a new person (I Samuel 9:27, 10:1-8, 10:9-13)
- You can hear God speak to you (John 3:7-8)
- You know God's Spirit (John 14:16-17) and are taught by him (John 14:26, 1 John 2:27-29)
- You know what God has freely given you (1 Corinthians 2:11-14)
- You can't help but testify of Christ (John 15:26, Numbers 11:25-29, Acts)
- You know it is a sin not to believe on Jesus, you know Jesus is in heaven, and Satan has been judged (John 16:7-14)
- You seek to glorify Christ (John 16:14)
- You are freed from sin, walk after the Spirit, you mind the things of the Spirit (Romans 8:1-5)
- You confess Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 4:13-15, 1 Corinthians 12:3)

1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

4. Changing the truth of God into a lie

The fourth step to apostasy is changing the truth of God into a lie. Pilate said, What is truth, when he was looking truth right in the face. If you want to get in trouble with God, mess with his truth. The truth is the word of God according to Jesus Christ (John 17:17), the angel that appeared to Daniel (Daniel 10:21) and David (Psalm 119:142, 151). The Bible is absolute truth because it is the word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:16-21) according to Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:23-33, John 10:34-36). The 66 books of the Bible are the word of God and truth (The Book of Isaiah is a picture of the OT and NT Canon). I believe that, if I didn't, I would preach on the street, I wouldn't pray for unsaved people to be drawn to Christ, I wouldn't witness, I wouldn't teach this Bible study or go to church. I wouldn't do it. I know it is true because I did and do what this book says and it works! I believe it because I have the witness (the Spirit – 1 John 5:10) in myself. Praise the LORD!

Warnings against adding to or taking away from the Bible (Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:6, Revelation 22:18-19)

Do not spiritualize it when it is not to be spiritualized (Genesis 3:1-5) and do not take it literal when it is not meant to be taken literal (John 6:47-69). Do not twist the scriptures to your own destruction (2 Peter 3:15-16) nor corrupt it (2 Corinthians 2:17).

I would say 95% of all your colleges and universities, whether they be secular or religious, liberal or conservative, change the truth of God into a lie and they usually do it for money or because they are afraid of ridicule and reproach or they don't believe God's word the Bible. They pretend to believe the Bible and say I believe in the originals when no one has ever seen an original autograph nor would know if they saw one. They say that because they know sheep would say that so they say that. But they don't believe the book and don't hold it as the final authority. They believe in their girly traditions that contradict the written word of God and make of none affect the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and his shed blood and the new birth.

I go by the book, you say why? God told me to seek ye out of the book of the LORD and read (Isaiah 34:16), not seek ye out of tradition. He told me to search the scriptures (John 5:39-47), not search ye the church fathers. He told me to study the scriptures and rightly divide it (2 Timothy 2:15), not study the traditions of men. He commended men that searched the scriptures daily to see if something was so or not so (Acts 17:10-13), he never commended anybody for determining if something is true or not true by tradition.

As an old man said, If you mess with that book, God will mess with your mind. The safest approach is to let God be true and every man a liar (Romans 3:4) – start there. He has already told you what the truth is (the written word) so if anything goes against that book, flush it down the toilet, throw it in the garbage can where it belongs. Amen, amen, amen.

What does the Bible say about tradition?

There is good and bad tradition (Colossians 2:8, 1 Peter 1:18, Galatians 1:14, 2 Thessalonians 2:15, 3:6).

How do you discern what is good tradition and what is bad tradition? It is bad tradition when it causes you to sin against the written word and makes the word of God of none effect (Matthew 15:1-6) and causes you to reject it (Mark 7:8-13).

5. Worship and serving the creature more than the Creator

The fifth step to apostasy and the wrath of God is to worship anything more than the Creator. The first commandment God gave was thou shalt have no other gods before me (Exodus 20:3). Anything you put before the Creator becomes your god and what you worship. Notice the verse doesn't say they don't serve or don't worship the Creator, they just worship the creature more than the creator. Jesus Christ is supposed to have the preeminence in all things including your life (Colossians 1:15-18). He is worthy; he is the Great King not anything else. If you put anything before God, it is sin, including your fellow man. God comes first, others second, you last.

This verse clearly addresses the multitudes in our day and age with this whole green crap. They exalt the creature and creation more than the Creator. They call it mother earth. They ascribe characteristics of deity to earth. Listen, God Almighty is behind all the weather on this earth and causes all things to grow. He is the One behind it all! They say we need to treat our planet better, why not treat Jesus better! God is going to burn this whole earth and universe up together before the Great White Throne of Judgment (Revelation 20:7-11, 2 Peter 3:10-13). You see if you believe the Bible you won't get caught up in all this nonsense. I have said it before and I'll say it again, the reason why everyone is going green is because they can make money off of it. The love of money is the root of all evil.

Is Jesus Christ first in your life? Who occupies the throne of your life? You and God can't sit on that throne together, it will have to be your or him. Be careful Christian, what you glorify the most is what you worship the most.

1:26-27 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

What is the result of not glorifying God as God, not being thankful, changing the glory of God, changing the truth of God into a lie, and worshipping other things before him? It leads to God giving you up and over to vile affections. You love evil things. God allows you to love evil things. Woe unto them that call good evil and evil good and love evil and don't love the good (Isaiah 5:20-23, Micah 3:1-2)!

Just because somebody loves something, doesn't make it right to love. A drunkard loves getting drunk, does that make it right? A thief loves to steal, does that make it right? A liar loves to lie, does that make it right? A child molester loves molesting kids, does that make it right? A homo loves people of the same sex, does that make it right? Of course not. If you sleep with someone before you get married, even if you love that person and will marry that person, does that make it right? Of course not.

A homo says I always liked the same sex. I was made this way. God made me this way. Actually he didn't. First of all, you and I were conceived in sin (Psalm 51:5), so just because you feel a certain way no matter what it is, doesn't make something right or wrong. You were made in Adam's image (Genesis 5:1-3) and a child of the devil by nature (John 8:44, Ephesians 2:1-3). Secondly, the sin of Sodom is a result of God giving a man over to the lusts of his own heart (notice it is not the desires of God's heart) after the man has continually rejected the Holy Almighty Creator according to Romans 1.

They say, I don't see why it is wrong, I love that person. Oh so that makes it okay because you love something? Try doing that before a righteous judge. A man is on trial for murder and the murderer says, but judge I love to do it and I loved doing it. What will the judge do? The judge would condemn him immediately, seeing he loved doing something that was evil. That makes the crime that much worse if you love doing what was wrong. BUT NOT IN AMERICA! THAT GET'S YOU OUT OF THE CRIME AND JUSTIFIES YOU! Tell me that isn't wicked? The problem is people don't agree with God about what he said about it. They think God is a liar and that they are not. They are their own gods, whose god is their own belly (heart), they determine what is right and wrong (Genesis 3).

What makes something right or wrong? What makes something good or evil? Whatever God says about it (Isaiah 45:19). If God says this is good, it is good; if God says this is evil, it is evil. Isn't that easy and simple? You know what the problem is? People are rebels and reject the authority of God's word!

1:28-32 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

6. Not wanting to retain God in their knowledge

The last step to apostasy and to the wrath of God abiding upon you in this life is not wanting to keep God in your knowledge. Isn't that sad? People know God, they know he is there, they know he is, they know he is their Creator (they don't know him like a born

again person does), and they willingly chose not to think about him, consider him, talk to him, love him, please him, serve him, fellowship with him, and obey him. They have no desire to have anything to do with him. They have been deceived by the devil (Genesis 3, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Revelation 12:9) to think God is the bad guy when he is not.

Why does that big old mean God not want you to know good and evil like us gods? He is holding out on you. He made you inferior to us. Why did he do that? Don't you think God owes you something? Don't you think you deserve better? Don't you think you deserve more? Why doesn't he want you to have it when he gave it to us?

Boy do we sound like that sometimes! God be merciful! The devil appeals to your lusts (2 Peter 1:4, 2 Peter 2:18, Ephesians 4:22, 1 John 2:15-17). Listen not all your lusts are of God! The homo says I desire to be with men, but that lust is not of God! I desire to lie, cheat, steal, and kill so I can make a better life for myself and my family, but that lust is not of God. I desire to fornicate, but that lust is not of God. I desire to do what I want when I want and how I want to do it, but that lust is not of God. And that is why the carnal man cannot be subject to the law of God (Romans 8:7-9).

The flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh (Galatians 5:17). When you have been born again, you now have the lusts of the Spirit that dwell in you and you now can serve the Lord and worship him the way he desires it.

You say what are the desires of the Spirit? I want to read my Bible, I want go to church, I want to witness, I want to tell people about Jesus, I want to pray, I want to praise the Lord, I want to obey his word, I want to love others, I want to be merciful towards others like God has been towards me, I want to forgive others like God has forgiven me, I want to obey all authority, I want to do all things for his glory, I want him to get all the glory, honor and praise not me, I want to get to know him more, Oh I really want to see him! O I want to be with him! O I want to be with the Lord for ever. (Talk about being at the feet of Jesus and grabbing his feet – Matthew 28:9) That's the Spirit! That ain't the flesh!

Even though the old man has been rendered powerless since you have been saved, he is still there because you still dwell in a vile (Philippians 3:21), corrupted body (1 Corinthians 15:53-54). That is why we are told to put him away and put on the new man (Romans 6:6-7, Colossians 3:8-10, Ephesians 4:17-24).

Those that don't like to retain God in their knowledge are given over to a reprobate mind. This is the result of those six things that lead to apostasy and the wrath of God. A reprobate mind is a corrupted, immoral, depraved, wicked mind. Refusing to glorify God as God, not being thankful, changing the glory of God, changing the truth of God into a lie, worshipping the creature more than the Creator, and not liking to retain God in your knowledge, leads to God giving you up and over to the lusts of your own heart where it corrupts your mind, body, and soul, where you call good evil and evil good, and love evil and hate good.

As a result of God turning one over to the lusts of his heart, he is filled with all unrighteousness and sin. These people know better, they know the judgment of God, they know what he says about these things, and they not only continue to do them, but find pleasure in other people that do what they do.

The verdict from God? Such are worthy of death.