

### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (v. 24)

#### A. He Gave Them \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “Notice that when man is delivered from Divine restraint, the lusts of his heart plunge him into ever deeper bodily uncleanness, and bodily vileness.”

*“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9–11)*

#### B. Men Dishonored Their \_\_\_\_\_

*“They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them: 35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. 36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, 38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. 39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.” (Psalm 106:34–39)*

SEXUAL DISHONOR

BODILY DISMEMBERMENT

### CONCLUSION

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*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:” (Romans 3:23–24)*



# PAGANISTIC REGRESSION AND THE ONE HOPE OF THE WICKED

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*“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:” (Romans 1:21–24)*

### INTRODUCTION

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### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (v. 21)

#### A. They \_\_\_\_\_ God

##### THROUGH GENERAL REVELATION

**Quote:** “People perceive his eternal ‘power and deity’ through observing the created world. The word deity [Godhead] doesn’t focus on God’s existence so much as it communicates his majesty and greatness.”—**Thomas Schreiner**

##### THROUGH SPECIAL REVELATION OF GOD’S TRUTH.

*“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.” (Psalm 10:4)*

**Quote:** “Ignorance of the law is no excuse in any country. If it were, the laws would lose their effect, because it can always be pretended.”  
— **Thomas Jefferson**

B. They Did Not \_\_\_\_\_ God

SIN REDIRECTED MAN'S WORSHIP

**Quote:** "Men who dethrone God become consciously irreligious..."

**Quote:** "What happens when people refuse to acknowledge and depend on God as God? We do not stop worshipping. We simply change the object of our worship. It is not a matter of if we will worship, but what will we worship."

MAN'S WORSHIP SHOULD BE ON GOD

*"Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, Give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." (Psalm 29:1-2)*

**Quote:** "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever."  
—**The Westminster Shorter Catechism**

*"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)*

*"And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. 23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. 24 But the word of God grew and multiplied." (Acts 12:22-24)*

*"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)*

C. They Did Not \_\_\_\_\_ God

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:" (Psalm 103:2)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **OF GOD** (v. 21d)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Hearts

VAIN IMAGINATIONS

PERVERSE SPECULATIONS

*"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Hearts

*"Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness." (Jeremiah 13:16)*

*"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." (Colossians 2:8)*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Hearts

IGNORANT

*"For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (1 Corinthians 1:19-22)*

*"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: 21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith." (1 Timothy 6:20-21)*

*"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." (Psalm 14:1)*

IDOLATROUS

**Quote:** "Idolatry is said to have commenced in ancient Babylon. From there it spread around the world, entrenched itself in most pagan religions and is with us to this day. It maintains its hold on even the most cultured of modern men."—**John Phillips**

*"And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:1-3)*

*"What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. 21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. 22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?" (1 Corinthians 10:19-22)*