

REASONS FOR THE WRATH OF GOD

ROMANS 1:21 — REJECTION

“because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened” (Ro.1:21)

■ “although they knew God”

- They go from truth to emptiness

■ “they did not glorify Him as God”

- Not glorifying God is the heart of man’s fallenness (Ro.3:23)
- The glory of God is what has been revealed

■ “nor were thankful”

- If man does not accept God as the source of all things good, he will not thank Him (Ac.14:16-17; Mt.5:45)
- We were made to thank God (Ps.106:1, “Oh, give thanks”)
- Pride drives our hearts to self-sufficiency (Je.13:12-17; Ac.12:20-25)

■ “became futile in their thoughts [imagination]”

- Because man rejects God, he cannot find the truth (1Co.2:14)
- “Because I speak the truth, you do not hear me” (Jn.8:45)
- Truth is foolishness to the mind filled with senseless thoughts
- When you do not acknowledge God, you have to use your imagination

■ “their foolish hearts were darkened”

- When we put God out it creates a vacuum
- The vacuum becomes filled with futile thoughts and imaginations
- Their foolish hearts do not stay empty because they suck in darkness
- This is both intellectual and moral darkness



- Because there is no God in their heart, it creates a vacuum
- This vacuum sucks in darkness
- A heart full of darkness has no room for the truth

