

# REASONS FOR THE WRATH OF GOD

## ROMANS 1:23 — RELIGION

“and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.” (Ro.1:23)

- ☞ We are contrasting man's religion from faith in God
- ☞ Liberal theologians say man's religion is him working to find God
  - They say man is moving up with religion
  - The Bible says man is not seeking after God. He has already rejected that light.
- ☞ Ro.1:23, “changed the glory of the incorruptible God”
  - Exchanged the greatest of value for the lowest of value AND eternal for temporary.
- ☞ Man is a spiritual being.
  - He cries out for a god. Man's nature longs for the supernatural
  - If he will not have the true God, he will invent a god that he can live with
- ☞ All idolatry is self-worship because he invents deities like himself.
- ☞ Exodus 20, 10 Commandments (Commandment 1, no other gods); (Commandment 2, no idols)
- ☞ Is.2:8, “Their land is also full of idols; They worship the work of their own hands, That which their own fingers have made”
  - They worship what they have created. Thus, in effect, worship themselves.
- ☞ 2Th.2:4, “who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God”
  - Because he is not God, he has to convince himself
- ☞ 1Co.10:20, “Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons”
  - Worship of the idol is worship of demons
  - Worship the idol and a demon will impersonate the god you think it is so you come back

