**In The Last Days**

**What is a Reprobate Mind? Part 3**

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# SERMON DESCRIPTION/BACKGROND

The entire premiss of Romans chapter one is about the wrath of God being revealed and subsequent judgement. Why? This is the result when nations and people refuse to acknowledge God and worship Him. A series of events is unleashed that cannot be reversed because God will not be mocked.

The text is written in past tense indicating that there should be a lesson that is learned from history. Human nature, nonetheless, is such that, people never learn, and they continue to repeat the same mistakes repeatedly. However, God in His mercy, has made it abundantly clear what will occur when people turn their back on Him, and the outcome is not pretty.

Does this mean that the grace of God is null and void because of judgment? Absolutely not! The grace and the mercy of God are always available to those that will reach for it, and anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. We see through this chapter that grace and judgment are working congruently. But at the end of the day, people have no excuse because God has revealed Himself in various ways.

**Signs & Markers Of Rejecting God From Romans 1**

1. Worship of false gods and ideas
2. Gender confusion
3. Sexual revolution
4. Homosexual revolution
5. Worship of creation (Pantheism, global warming, climate change).

# SERMON DESCRIPTION

When nations and people fail to acknowledge and worship God, the result is that judgement is released. God turns them over to a mind that does not function well. However, the grace of God is still at work and available for people.

# SERMON QUESTIONS & OBJECTIVES

1. What do they need to know?
* When a nation rejects God, judgement will be His response.
1. Why do they need to know it?
* To avoid the wrath of God.

1. How should they apply it?
* Acknowledge God and worship Him only.

# INTRODUCTION

**Sermon Objectives**

1. Communicate the truth to the Body of Christ
2. Protect the Body of Christ from false teaching – seducing spirits and doctrines of demons
3. Allow the scriptures to speak for themselves – without apology, excuse or soften the blow
4. This is not a political message
5. This is not about inciting violence against anyone
6. To protect the children from indoctrination.

# CENTRAL TRUTH

When God is rejected and not worshipped, judgement is always the outcome, and His wrath is poured out.

# MAIN PASSAGE

**God's Wrath on Unrighteousness**

**Romans 1:18-32** (The Message Bible)
**18-23**But God’s angry displeasure erupts as acts of human mistrust and wrongdoing and lying accumulate, as people try to put a shroud over truth. But the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can’t see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So nobody has a good excuse. What happened was this: People knew God perfectly well, but when they didn’t treat him like God, refusing to worship him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion so that there was neither sense nor direction left in their lives. They pretended to know it all, but were illiterate regarding life. They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in his hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand.

**24-25**So God said, in effect, “If that’s what you want, that’s what you get.” It wasn’t long before they were living in a pigpen, smeared with filth, filthy inside and out. And all this because they traded the true God for a fake god, and worshiped the god they made instead of the God who made them—the God we bless, the God who blesses *us*. Oh, yes!

**26-27**Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn’t know how to be human either—women didn’t know how to be women, men didn’t know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men—all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it—emptied of God and love, godless and loveless wretches.

**28-32**Since they didn’t bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose. And then all hell broke loose: rampant evil, grabbing and grasping, vicious backstabbing. They made life hell on earth with their envy, wanton killing, bickering, and cheating. Look at them: mean-spirited, venomous, fork-tongued God-bashers. Bullies, swaggerers, insufferable windbags! They keep inventing new ways of wrecking lives. They ditch their parents when they get in the way. Stupid, slimy, cruel, cold-blooded. And it’s not as if they don’t know better. They know perfectly well they’re spitting in God’s face. And they don’t care—worse, they hand out prizes to those who do the worst things best!

**Romans 1:28 (KJV)**

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; …

**2Thessalonians 2:9-12**

**9**The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **10**and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11**And for this reason God will send them **strong delusion**, that they should believe the lie, **12**that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (NKJV)

**Jesus Speaks About The Last Days**

**Luke 17:28-30**

**28**Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; **29**but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. **30**Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (NKJV)

**God's Wrath On Unrighteousness (Including Notes)**

**Romans 1:18**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

* “It is written” (in past tense), in other words, it is a point of lesson and history to learn from
* It is about the wrath of God being displayed.

**Romans 1:19-20**

**19**because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. **20**For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, …

* They that reject God – they do not have an excuse – it is willful
* God has every right to judge them.

**Romans 1:21-23**

**21**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. **22**Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23**and **changed** the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1%3A21-23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27954a)]corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

* The glory is exchanged for things seen in nature and they worship them.

**Romans 1:24**

Therefore God also **gave them up to uncleanness**, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, …

* Gave them up – to give them over, to remove the hedge of protection.

**Romans 1:25-26**

25 who **exchanged** the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason **God gave them up to vile passions**. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

* It starts with women in the sequential order – they leave their natural use and the order of God
* Satan has deceived some women that killing their babies is a basic human right
* The natural order of women is to nurture.

**Romans 1:27**

Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

* There is a penalty, such as sickness and virus, AIDS, and monkey pox.

**Romans 1:28**

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over** to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; …

* Debased and reprobate – a mind that does not function correctly
* Illustration: a rapist who transitioned during his trial and was sent to a female prison
* Biological males who compete in sporting events against women.

**Romans 1:29-32**

**29**being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, **30**backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31**undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **32**who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

# MAIN POINTS

What happens when a nation rejects God within a culture? The wrath of God is revealed.

What is the pathway to a reprobate mind?

ἀδόκιμος – adokimos - *ad-ok'-ee-mos*

From G1 (as a negative particle) and G1384; *unapproved*, that is, *rejected*; by implication *worthless* (literally or morally): - castaway, rejected, reprobate.

**Total KJV occurrences: 8**

**G96 (****Thayer****) -** ἀδόκιμος **-** adokimos

**Thayer Definition:**

1) not standing the test, not approved

1a) properly used of metals and coins

2) that which does not prove itself such as it ought

2a) unfit for, unproved, spurious, reprobate

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**A Related Word by Thayer’s/Strong’s Number:**from G1 (as a negative particle) and G1384

-Strong Concordance

1. **The truth is questioned, suppressed, twisted and re-defined**
2. Satan in the Garden of Eden. Much like what Satan did to Eve, the truth of God’s character is questioned, and doubt is placed on His Word and promises
* Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"
* Genesis 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.
* Genesis 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
* The truth has become a cheap commodity, rather than the foundation of reason.
1. **A refusal to acknowledge God for who He is and what He stands for**
2. We are on a slippery slope and God’s wrath is being revealed from Heaven
* The legalization of abortion
* Redefinition of marriage
* Adoption of children by non-heterosexual couples
* Parental authority has almost all but been eradicated
* Public washrooms and changing room/locker room use
* Gender pronouns being forced
* Biological males competing against women
* Conversion therapy law in place in Canada
* Gender expression of animals – cats, hawks, horses
* Puberty blockers and surgery redefinition
* Where will it end?
1. **The desire to worship a fake god over the real and only God**
2. **Wokeness and Nihilism** is a religion, and they demand that you bow to their god or else
* Liberal government invested $100 million in August of 2022 to LGBTQ in Canada.
1. Attributes of wokeness
* Bow or be canceled
* Be labeled as a hater, bigot, or worse, homophobic.
1. **Intentional worship of creation over the creator**
	1. When people refuse to acknowledge and worship God, ultimately, they will exchange Him for a replica.
	2. ***There will always be a "god" present in people’s lives***
	3. PANTHIESIM - The worship of Mother Earth falls under the umbrella of “**Pantheism”**

**Pantheism** is the [philosophical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosophy) [religious](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religion) belief that [reality](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reality),[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-1) the [universe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universe) and the [cosmos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cosmos) are identical to [divinity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divinity) and a [supreme being](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deity) or entity, pointing to the universe as being an immanent [creator deity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creator_deity) who is still expanding and creating, which has existed since the beginning of time,[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-2) or that [all things](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Everything) compose an all-encompassing, [immanent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immanence) god or goddess and regards the universe as a manifestation of a deity.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-Edwards-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-4) This includes all [astronomical objects](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Astronomical_object) being viewed as part of a sole deity.

**The worship of all gods of every religion** is another definition but it is more precisely termed [Omnism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omnism%22%20%5Co%20%22Omnism).[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-5) Pantheist [belief](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belief#Religious_belief) does not recognize a distinct [personal god](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_god),[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-6) [anthropomorphic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropomorphic) or otherwise, but instead characterizes a broad range of doctrines differing in forms of relationships between reality and divinity.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-LevineDetailed-7) Pantheistic concepts date back thousands of years, and pantheistic elements have been identified in various religious traditions. The term *pantheism* was coined by mathematician [Joseph Raphson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Raphson) in 1697[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-Taylor-8)[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-Thomson-9) and since then, it has been used to describe the beliefs of a variety of people and organizations.

Pantheism was popularized in [Western culture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_culture) as a [theology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theology) and philosophy based on the work of the 17th-century philosopher [Baruch Spinoza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch_Spinoza), in particular, his book [*Ethics*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethics_%28Spinoza_book%29).[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-Genevieve_Lloyd_1996-10) A pantheistic stance was also taken in the 16th century by philosopher and cosmologist [Giordano Bruno](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giordano_Bruno).[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheism#cite_note-11)

* Wikipedia

# SERMON CONCLUSION - THE CALL TO ACTION

**2Peter 1:3-4**

**3**as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **4**by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

**Malachi 3:16-17**

**16**Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard *them;*
So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. **17**“They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.”

1. Speak identity to your children form the moment of conception

2. Pushback - resist based on your faith in Christ.