

Psalms 8:6-9

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I. Review

As you know, we have been coming through the book of Psalms verse by verse. Last week we focused on Psalms 8:4, and I want to take some time in Psalms Chapter 8 because it's such an incredible chapter. **We looked at how God is the Supreme Being in all the universe.**

I showed you **the three major characteristics of God which set Him apart** from any other god that man can conjure up in his mind.

- God is Omniscient—God is all knowing.
- God is Omnipresent—God is everywhere.
- God is Omnipotent—God is all Powerful.

In spite of all that God is, and His power and His glory, He desires to be with man and fellowship with His creation. We looked in detail at **the four great concepts listed in Psalms 8 of His desire to fellowship with man.**

1. God is mindful of man.
2. God visits man.
3. God takes knowledge of man.
4. God brings and holds man into an accountability.

❖ God's Overall Plan

Most pastors and Christians never get farther than the fact that when you die you go to heaven. To them heaven and eternity is getting a harp, white robe, sitting on a cloud, and playing some Johnny Cash. There is much more to it than that. **God's plan is an eternity filled with sinless beings who will fellowship with Him throughout His creation for all of eternity.** This is Isaiah 9:6-7. When I first saw this about 45 years ago, it opened the whole Bible for me. Studying the Bible has been compounding and adding on these two verses.

Isaiah 9:6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Through the punctuation in your King James Bible, which is vital in helping you figure it out, notice what he says:

- *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:* That's the first coming of Christ. It's when God visited man through Jesus Christ.

- Then it says, *and the government shall be upon his shoulder: That's the millennium*—when He establishes the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God for the 1,000-year reign.
- Then it says, *and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. That's eternity*—when we go through the vastness without time of just fellowshiping with God.

Isaiah 9:7. Of the increase of his government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Wow! The whole plan of God in a nutshell, from the first coming of Christ when He visited man to the second coming of Christ when He keeps man accountable, then right on into the millennium and into eternity.

Eternity Past (Time) Eternity Future

7,000 Years

When you look at the whole concept of Isaiah 9:6-7 and Psalms 8, you have eternity past on one side and eternity future on the other side. Then you have a little parenthesis which is “time” on planet earth of 7,000 years. **What God has done, and most people never see this, is carved out 7,000 years of time in eternity past and eternity future to give every man and woman on this planet the choice to spend an eternity with Him.** What an incredible plan God had to visit man, and the God of the universe (the Creator of it all) still wants to fellowship with you and me.

II. Psalms 8: 6-9 God Has Given Man Dominion Over All of His Creation on Earth

Psalms 8. O LORD, our Lord, how excellent [is] thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5. or thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all [things] under his feet:

7. All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8. The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, [and whatsoever] passeth through the paths of the seas.

9. O LORD our Lord, how excellent [is] thy name in all the earth!

❖ **Man's Dominion has Boundaries.**

God has given man, whom He created, dominion over all His creation on earth. I want you to see and understand that even though God has done that, He has set some boundaries in man's dominion. All the way back to Genesis 1:27-28, God begins to establish the first boundaries of man on earth.

Genesis 1: 27-28. So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

*28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: **and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.***

I want you to notice that back in the garden when God gave Adam dominion over His creation, man has dominion over the sheep and the oxen, the beasts of the field, the fowls of the air, and the sea life. That covers earth, sky, and the sea; however, **I want you to notice that He never gave man dominion over outer space.** In fact, when you look at the first seven days of creation, on almost every day He says, *and God saw that it was good*; however, **when He gets to the day where He creates the second heaven (outer space), He doesn't say it was good.** The reason for that, if you know Isaiah 27:1 and other places like Daniel, is that it's the devil's domain. Man has no business in outer space. When he dabbles in it, he gets out of bounds. Let's be honest, NASA isn't exploring space to find God or prove the Bible is right. They're going there with the intent to prove that God and the Bible are NOT right and to take dominion over God's creation, but in the wrong way.

One of the key studies in the Bible on God and man, which will begin in Genesis 1, will be how God sets the boundaries for man. This really simplifies history. God sets the bounds, but man keeps getting out of those bounds.

*Acts 17:26-27. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, **and the bounds of their habitation;***

27. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

I want you to notice that **God sets the bounds for man so that man can be happy; so man can seek the Lord (v. 27) and find Him.** The problem with man, however, is that we just don't want to stay within those bounds. It's what defines all wars on planet earth. It's nothing more than one nation wanting to get out of the bounds of their nation to take over another nation, conquer, and have dominion over them. Whether it's America's southern border or the war in the middle east...the problem is being out of bounds. Nobody is satisfied with where God put them, and nations keep trying to expand. Adolph Hitler wasn't satisfied with just Germany. He wanted the whole world.

It's that way with nations, but it's our problem as Christians, too. **God's people just can't be satisfied with what God has given them and where He has put them.** We always want to get out of bounds.

Deuteronomy 32:7. Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father; and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

8. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

The dividing of the boundaries that God gave man in Acts 17 are based on the 12 tribes of the nation of Israel. Everything in this world and in the universe will go back to the 12 tribes of Israel including your salvation because the Bible tells you in John 4 that *salvation is of the Jews.* That's the key to God's plan today and the key to God's plan in eternity.

So, understand that God will set boundaries. Outer space and man's desire to get there are out of bounds. **When we stay within the boundaries, God will give man control over everything He has created...that's where the dominion comes.** You see it all through the Bible.

When He put Adam and Eve in the garden, He told them to dress it and to keep it. They had dominion over it, but they were in bounds. For the Old Testament nation of Israel, the whole plan is laid out for them in detail in Matthew 21:33-40—God bringing them through and putting them in the land, but they weren't happy.

We often don't like the government because we think it's too controlling, and obviously it's anti-God, but Romans 12 tells us that it is ordained of God to bring order into our society. It's that simple. It keeps us in bounds. The speed limits are boundaries, and when you exceed them, you get pulled over; you're out of bounds. It's the same way with volleyball. When you hit the ball, there is a line judge to tell you when the ball is out of bounds. Everything in life has boundaries to it.

God set some boundaries for us to be happy, find God, and have everything that God has for us. As parents, we must set boundaries for our children. Even though they may not like it, we can't let them do whatever they want to do. In the New Testament church age, the church is given (in Romans and Ephesians) dominion over everything spiritual, but it has to stay in bounds. In the millennium and eternity, God turns it over to the nation of Israel by the 12 tribes within the boundaries that God has set up. It's so simple.

He does this so man can have life on planet Earth and fellowship with Him in peace. The United Nations was started after World War I, which was supposed to be the war that ends all wars. Across the top of their building, they put a verse from the Bible, "...*they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more*" (Isaiah 2:4). This verse deals with the millennium. They actually thought that they, as human beings, could accomplish this. The UN gets a group of nations together, so that when you get out of bounds and try to attack somebody else, they make you get back in bounds. It has failed miserably. Israel has been in five or six wars, attacked by other nations, and nobody in the UN has made the other nations go back. It's going to take the Lord coming back to establish the right boundaries. And He is coming!

God establishes a perfect order if man will just stay in bounds. You will be much happier in your Christian life if you stay within the bounds of the word of God than you will be doing your own thing. All you need to do is look at somebody's life that didn't do that and see the messes they got into. **As always, God has a perfect plan. God wants us to stay within the boundaries of the word of God, and for nations, the boundaries of their habitation.** But as always, old Genesis chapter 3 shows up, and **all history is relegated down to just two small concepts—God moving through history to accomplish His plan and the devil moving in opposition to stop that plan.** So today, we'll see what we've got in this world and in our country.

III. What Man has Done with All that God has Given Him Dominion Over—Romans 1

I want to show you what man has done with all that God has given him dominion over. We talk about the depravity of man. I'm going to show you and define for you out of the Bible today what that term really means. You'll have a better understanding of what is going on around you, both in the world and in your life.

Romans 1 is the greatest place in the Bible that shows what we as Gentiles did with God's plan for us. I've told you before how the book of Romans, chapter by chapter, lays out the doctrinal teaching that the church should stand on and pastors should preach from Chapter 3-16. **But in Chapters 1-2, he takes the time to lay it out so we can understand the two identities that God has created that were to bring honor and glory to Him. In Chapter 1 we have the Gentiles and in Chapter 2 we have the nation of Israel.** This shows us how God started with these two different people groups, what God gave them, and what they did with it.

Romans 1:16-32. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first (there it is), and also to the Greek (that will be Gentiles).

17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed [it] unto them.

20. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21. 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:

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.

26. 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:

27. 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.

28. 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;

29. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30. Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, **disobedient to parents,**

31. Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable (you can't please anybody), unmerciful:

32. 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.

❖ We're not Coming Back to God as a Nation.

Now I want to show you this as it breaks down because I'm telling you right now, we're too far gone in this country and this world. We're not going to change it. There will be no coming back to God as a nation. People will say that God is going to send another great revival, but this country dumped the Bible over 100 years ago. **What you're seeing right now are the last grains of sand falling through God's hourglass before He shuts down everything and establishes His kingdom.** I don't say that to scare you. In fact, that should make you happy. You have a front row seat to the end of the world.

The 1955 Le Mans disaster was a major crash at one of the world's most famous auto races in France. As they were getting ready to race, they were playing circus music through the loudspeakers in the grandstands. The race started, and the driver of one of the leading cars flew into the air and crashed, sending large pieces of debris into the grandstands, killing 83 spectators, and injuring over 120. Throughout all the chaos, the circus music continued playing. If that isn't a picture of life in America today. People are hurting; people are dying and going to hell, and what are churches doing? They're playing circus music. I know we're not going to change it, but I want you to know what you're up against. **If we can change anything, maybe we can win one more person to Christ...** save as many of them as we can. The idea of turning this country back to God is a pipedream, and I'm going to show you why. I'm not expecting any of us to try to change it, but I want you to understand the world and country you live in.

IV. Breaking Down Romans 1:16-32

He says in verse 16, *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first (because the oracles of God were given to the Jew), and also to the Greek (the Gentiles—you and me).*

❖ In the Gospel, you find God's Righteousness Revealed.

Verse 17 says, *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

Now that's what every man and woman needs today. If you've never trusted Christ as your own personal savior, that's what you need. You need to get the righteousness of God in your life. God's righteousness is revealed in the gospel from *faith to faith*...that's the Old Testament to the New Testament. **Old Testament faith was based on the gospel of God telling you the good news of what to do, and you had to do it. In the New Testament, the gospel of the grace of God is faith in Christ's death on the cross.**

❖ Holding the Truth of God in Unrighteousness.

Verse 18 says, *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

This tells you there is no such thing as atheists or agnostics. Somebody says, “Well, I don’t believe in God.” No, you’re not telling the truth. The Bible says in John 1:9 that He was *the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.* **And the Bible says that God’s wrath is revealed against ALL MEN who hold the truth of God...but hold it in unrighteousness. They have the truth of God, but they choose unrighteousness over the gospel of righteousness, and now God comes down and judges man for it.** This is America today. This country was founded on a King James 1611 Authorized Version. Our founding fathers had all come out of the oppression of Europe, so when they wrote the foundation of the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution, they put God into it. In fact, the first draft of the Declaration of Independence was brought back because there weren’t enough references to God. They never wanted to forget what God had done with this country. But in 2024, we have forgotten. **You see the process of man starting out holding God’s truth, and then today, holding it in unrighteousness and rejecting everything that God gave this country.**

❖ God Shows us His Gospel through His Creation

Verses 19-20, *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed [it] unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

It says that God showed us His gospel through the creation that He created. A couple weeks ago, we looked at Psalms 19 and 33, and how the heavens declare the glory of God. I also told you how the sun is a type of Jesus Christ, and the moon is a type of a Christian. Job 25:5 says, *behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; The moon doesn’t shine by its own light, it shines by reflecting the light of the sun.* **And if you’re a Christian, you don’t have any light of your own, you shine by the light that comes from God.**

We recently had a solar eclipse. I showed you last week how, from a Bible perspective, the eclipse is a picture of where the world and America are at. The Sun (type of Jesus Christ) is the center of our solar system as well as the light and life on this planet; however, something comes between the sun and the earth, and darkness comes over. **America is in a total unending eclipse, and the light from God’s Sun no longer shines here other than a few little out pockets that preach the word of God today.** What an impact that would have on people if preachers across this country would have taken Malachi 4:2, Psalms 19, and laid it out preaching what I gave you. People who know nothing about God but can see that spectacular event and know that Something greater is out there. God is knocking on the door of their hearts, but do you know what they don’t have? They don’t have a preacher. Many pastors missed a great opportunity to tell their congregation what I told you about the eclipse being an exact picture of what will happen to your life if you let something come between you and the Sun. No wonder the Bible says that they are without excuse.

❖ Man keeps Getting out of Bounds.

Verses 21-22, *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. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

This is all about God giving man dominion (Psalms 8) and what man does with that dominion. He keeps getting out of bounds. From the original creation, God has used it as a door to man's heart; however, **through the rejection of God, and through their vain imaginations and a foolish heart, the light of God now is darkness in their life.** Proverbs 19:21 says, *[There are] many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.* We see what man does when he rejects the light and the truth of God. He gets his devices: science, evolution, astronomy, astrology, religion, social issues, global warming, the environment, the woke culture, and liberalism/socialism/capitalism. **Man completely educates himself out of his intelligence, and now the state of man on planet earth is professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.** They got out of bounds, wouldn't listen to God, rejected the glory of God, came up with vain imaginations, and now they think they're smarter than God. This was the devil's original issue in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14 when he said he would be like the most High and exalt his throne above the stars of God. He got to the place where he thought he was smarter than God. People are like that today; they are of their father the devil, and the lusts of their father they will do (John 8:44). This is what Gentiles do today...overthrowing God's glory on earth and in heaven and establishing themselves as God.

❖ Gentiles Change the Glory of God to Man and Animals.

Verse 23 says *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.*

Voltaire once said that God made man in His image, and then man returned the favor and made God in man's image. That's the truth. Man returns to his animalistic nature, not learning about animals from God because **Job 12:7 says the animals will teach you about God if you pay attention.** Instead, they get rid of God and now worship the animals. In the Old Testament, you had Baal worship which had the bull, calf, and fish. The Gentiles turn from worshipping the Creator and worship the creation. The four key holidays Gentiles celebrate are connected with man or animals.

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1. Corruptible man—Christmas and Santa Claus. We make Christ's birth December 25, which it wasn't. If you want to get into your Bible, He was born September 20-23—the Feast of Tabernacles. If you see Santa Claus in Europe, he's dressed like the pope, and he's called Saint Nicolas who was the patron saint for children. So, in America, we take what is supposedly Christ's birth and connect it to a man. **Did you ever notice that he is an imitation Christ?** He comes from the north (Psalms 48—where heaven is), he's eternal, and in one night's time he can traverse the whole world bringing gifts to people. *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more*

shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:11). That being said, I do celebrate Christmas. It's one of the best outreaches to our community when we invite the kids over for a Christmas party. In the world we live in, you've got to be smarter than the problem. Paul said *I am made all things to all [men], that I might by all means save some (1 Corinthians 9:22).* You have to learn how far you can go to reach people. If I can get into somebody's world to share the gospel, I'm going to do it.

2. Birds—Thanksgiving and turkeys. The pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving didn't have turkey; they were hungry with dried corn on their plates. How this bird got involved must come through the Gentiles.
3. Fourfooted Beasts—Easter and bunnies. The Jews never did that; it's Gentiles.
4. Creeping Things—Halloween.

America's symbol is an Eagle, England's is a lion, and Russia's is a bear. It's because Gentiles have departed from the word of God and made the glory of God like the corruptible animals. You see it in sports (Rams, Bears, Eagles, Jayhawks, Lions, Falcons, Tigers, Dolphins, and Seahawks). You see it in music (Beatles, Three Dog Night, The Monkees, and The Bunny Hop). This never happened in Israel until they got hooked up with the Gentile nations who brought it in. Our world is so depraved. We have Twisted Sister and Kiss who dress up like demons and kill chickens. In our public schools, some kids claim to be animals. One girl thought she was a cat, and they had to put a litter box in the girl's restroom for her. At a church not too far from here, they had a girl leading music on the platform dressed up as a cat. You would expect it in the world, but now we're finding it in the house of God because as a nation we've dumped the Bible and are in a mess. Welcome to the world.

The Jews understood Deuteronomy 4:15-19, which every Christian should understand, that we aren't to make any images of any fish, any bird, anything...because Gentiles will take it and replace the glory of God with it.

❖ Gentiles Change the Truth of God into a Lie.

Verse 24-25, Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 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.

Gentiles will change two things when it comes to God. You've got to get this.

- The first thing they'll do is change the glory of God to man and animals.
- The second thing they'll do is change the truth of God into a lie.

In the secular world, they took the glory of God's creation and changed it into a system of evolution. They said that God didn't create anything but that we evolved and are still evolving. They claim that man is getting better and better.

In the religious world (the Bible Colleges, Bible Universities, Bible Seminaries), they do the exact same thing the world does but under the cloak of Christianity. Where the secular world tells you that you're evolving, in Bible College, they tell you that your Bible is evolving. Every three or four years you get a better translation closer to the originals, but it's the same system. Both are lies to destroy God's truth. *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

❖ Unnatural Sins in the Bible

Verses 26-27, *For this cause* (the fact that they dumped God's glory and made it like a man or animal and changed the truth of God into a lie) *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.*

Now we see the end of man in his downward spiral of depravity. **Without God and God's word, everything gets changed from glorifying God to glorifying man.** The love man should have for God and His order has now corrupted itself to the point where a man falls in love with another man and a woman with another woman; furthermore, it's gotten to the point where everybody in this country is against anybody who thinks that is wrong. Children today are questioning their gender, and schools are sowing confusion into their little hearts at a time when mom and dad should be setting the boundaries—taking that crucial time to instill in them the truth of God.

There are four unnatural sins in the Bible. **You've got your garden variety sins that everybody gets into, but then you have four unseemly, unnatural sins that are all connected satanically with unclean spirits, demon possession, or at least demon control.** Gentiles are out of bounds. They are not satisfied with natural things or the natural order of God.

1. Homosexuality/Lesbianism
2. Sexual relations with animals (This is how syphilis came in)
3. Pedophilia or sexual relations with children
4. Necrophilia or sexual relations with dead people

These sins are satanic that come from Gentiles making the truth of God a lie. Let me show you where it goes...*and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.* **That recompense is payday—someday. God is going to hold them accountable.** People ask me all the time what is wrong with this world. The world has lost God's mind, and when you lose God's mind, yours is going very quickly.

❖ A Reprobate Mind

Verse 28, *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;*

In this chapter, you'll see how a man or a woman gets a reprobate mind. **Note: it starts with man rejecting God's truth and changing it to a lie.** God gives him up to a reprobate mind in three areas in the chapter if you pay attention. **Three in the Bible is the number of completion, so these three (when a man gets a reprobate mind) will be the complete depravity of any man or woman.**

1. God gave them up through the lusts of their own hearts (verse 24). Your heart should go with God and God's word. *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Psalms 119:11)*, but when Gentiles take the things of God and make them a lie, this is what happens.
2. God gave them up unto vile affections; something that was unnatural (verse 26).
3. God gave them over to a reprobate mind (verse 28). He is now completely void of any knowledge of God. This is Genesis 6:5, *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually.* And don't forget that as the Bible says, *as it was in the days of Noe (Noah), so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.* Here we are again.

In history, this started with Israel getting hooked up with the Gentiles. God told them over and over to stay away from the other nations. He said not to let their boys marry their girls or their girls marry their boys. They were to be a separate people. We see this downfall begin with Solomon when he disobeys the word of God, and *king Solomon loved many strange women.* And this is where the breakdown begins.

Later in history, we see it move into Europe. Today Europe is as spiritually dead as any dead man when it comes to God. In our country, when we ask somebody where they go to church, it ultimately becomes a question as to if a church believes the King James Bible is the word of God; however, in Europe, the question becomes not only where somebody goes to church but if the pastor believes in God. Europe has no problem with a pastor who is an atheist. God is gone in Europe; it's an apostate continent. What do you preach in a church that doesn't believe in God? They preach social issues, and God gives man over to a reprobate mind.

Around 1900, it found its way into America and here we are today with the problems we have. The only difference between Europe and America are the few lights in the darkness...pastors out there who believe the Book and preach the truth. Those who hold the candle high, but they're fading fast.

❖ 22 Characteristics of Someone who Rejects God and gets a Reprobate Mind.

Verse 29-31. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

He sums up chapter one in verses 29-31 where we have the 22 characteristics of a man or woman (Gentile) who rejects God, His truth, His creation, His glory, and now gets a reprobate mind. **Instead of man now being filled with the Spirit of God and the fruit of the Spirit found in**

Galatians, and building in their life the character qualities of the Lord Jesus Christ, he's now filled with everything in verses 29-31. Welcome to the United States of America and the world we live in today—completely out of bounds and a reprobate mind toward God.

❖ No Fear of God Today.

Verse 32 *Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death (hell), not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

There is no fear of God in America today. Nobody fears accountability to God, the legal system, the police, or anything. We live in anarchy—crime is rampant, and nobody has respect for life. America is out of bounds.

V. Summary

It all goes back to Psalms 8. **God gave man, His creation, dominion over the works of His hands, and set the bounds whereby man could have a life of peace, fellowship with God, and harmony with each other.** Romans Chapter 1 is what Gentiles do with it. Not only do they keep doing it because they don't fear God, but they also take pleasure in it. We live in an amoral society—anything goes when the whistle blows. Nobody cares about any accountability or morality of anything that's right and wrong. No Bible; no moral standard.

I leave you with this. You find God's judgment in many forms throughout the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Ultimately, the final judgment will be the Lake of fire in Revelation 20. **I want to say to you, however, the worst judgment of God in this life that God can put on a man is Romans 1. It's to let man go do his own thing.** It's God seeing man and his attitude toward God, and then God standing back and saying, "Okay buddy, you want it. You got it". That's what happens in any country or society when man takes the word of God and turns it into a lie because he wants to do what he wants to do.

That's the world, but God's people are the same way. **Whatever affects the world, if you're not careful, will creep into your Christian life.** You too will think you are above the law of God. You too will think that you can do whatever you want to do. Why do you think these churches do the things that they do? It's because there is no accountability to a final authority which will keep us in bounds. Just like the world, a lot of God's people don't like the bounds either. Sooner or later it's all going to come back to the recompense of his reward, and the worst judgment God can put on any man or woman in this life is just to let them go do their own thing.

So, this is what man does with the dominion God has given him in Psalms 8. I wanted you to see this because it helps us where we're going next week, but at the same time, **you need to understand what you're up against today.** You need to understand what your kids are going to face. This is not the time to be part of a feel-good, fuzzy church that just never puts out the truth. We're faced with some serious issues today, and the only thing that's going to get us through is this Book and each other.