

## **WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR WORLD**

*Romans 1:18-32*

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**How are we to understand what is happening in our world?**

**1. When a society rejects the truth, it will embrace a lie.**

A. The truth of God is clearly evident.

*... because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.*

*Romans 1:19*

1. Our conscience tells us God is real.

2. The creation tells us God is real.

*The heavens declare the glory of God. Psalm 19:1*

B. The rejection of the true God is clearly evident.

*For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Romans 1:21*

**2. When a society embraces a lie, it will reap the consequences.**

A. The people become fools.

*Professing to be wise, they became fools ... Romans 1:22*

B. The people become idolaters.

*... and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Romans 1:23, 25*

C. God gives them over to their sinful desires.

*Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. Romans 1:24*

1. There is an explosion/celebration of sexual immorality.

2. There is an explosion/celebration of homosexuality.

*For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. Romans 1:25-27*

3. There is an explosion/celebration of depravity.

*And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them. Romans 1:28-32*

3. When a society is given over by God, the end is near.

A. The Lord commands us to be faithful, truthful, and loving.

*“But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all on account of My name.”*

*Luke 21:16-17*

B. The Lord extends grace to those who repent and believe.

*Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

**Will you stand for the Lord and be faithful until death?**