
SERMON NOTES June 27, 2021

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Exodus 20:3 & Romans 1:18-32
When the First Foundation Falls
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- I. Acknowledging our _____ and _____
- a. We were created for _____
 - b. Appreciating the design of _____

The problem is taking _____ things and making them _____ things

- II. The _____ of removing our first foundation
- a. We fail to _____ or to give _____
 - b. We adopt a _____ built on _____

When we deny our _____, our wisdom will always be foolishness

- c. We love and worship the _____ instead of the _____

- III. The _____ of loving other gods
- a. God judges idolatry by _____

When we make a _____ thing a _____

thing, it becomes a _____ thing in our lives

- b. This corrosion illustrated in _____
- c. This corrosion realized in _____

- IV. God's wrath is an expression of His _____
- a. He exposes _____ to remind us of _____
 - b. God invites you to _____

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. Romans 1:18-20 teaches that deep down, all mankind know there is a God to whom they are accountable. Verses 18-19 tells us that many try to suppress this truth. We live in a time when more and more people claim to reject the idea of God, claiming to be atheists. How should we understand the growth of atheism with what Romans 1 says about all people knowing there is a God, but they try to suppress that truth?
2. Romans 1:21 teaches that the first step in rejected God as God in our lives is *“although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him.”*
 - a. How can we know there is a God, but then fail to honor him as God? Why is this so vital in the removal of God from the center of our lives?
 - b. How do we fail to give thanks to God, and why is giving thanks so important, and the failure to give thanks so vital in the removal of God from the center of our lives?
3. Romans 1:21-22 teaches that when we fail to honor God or give thanks to him, the result will be that we will become futile in our thinking, our hearts will be darkened, and claiming to be wise, we will become fools.
 - a. In his message, Pastor Mike said that when we deny our designer and thus also deny our design, our wisdom will always be foolishness. What does he mean by this? Do you agree that this is always the case?
 - b. Can you think of contemporary examples in our culture where people have denied our designer and design, and have developed a wisdom that is actually foolishness?
4. Romans 1 teaches us that the wrath of God against idolatry is that God gives us what we want. As verse 24 says, *“God gave them up in the lusts of their heart.”*
 - a. What does it mean when it says that *“God gave them up in the lusts of their heart,”* and how is this an expression of God’s wrath?
 - b. Pastor Mike said, when we make a good thing a god thing, it becomes a destructive thing in our lives. What does he mean by that? Is this always true; Do good things always become destructive things when we make them a god thing in our lives?
 - c. What are good things that you’ve made god things in your life in the past, and how did they become destructive things?
 - d. What are good things in your life now that compete for your love and affection as a god thing?
5. Romans 1:18-28 has become a very controversial passage in our modern culture, with its clear teaching on sexuality and condemnation of homosexuality. Did you learn anything from our study of this passage that helped you understand the meaning of this passage and how to apply it to our modern culture?
6. When many think of God’s wrath and condemnation of sin, they think of God’s anger, rejection, and even hatred. However, Pastor Mike argued that the description of God’s wrath against sin in Romans 1 is a description of his loving grace, and invitation to relationship. How is this true?