

Romans: Gospel of Paul

Lesson 3: Chapter 1:18-32

Act 17:11 “Be like the Berean’s.” These were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

- I. Romans in 5 Sections:
 - A. Sin
 - B. Salvation
 - C. Sanctification
 - D. Sovereignty
 - E. Service

- II. 57 AD
 - A. In Corinth
 - B. Nero is Caesar
 - C. August 10, 70AD: General Titus with 4 legions were sent by Nero to destroy Jerusalem, exactly the same day King of Babylon burnt the temple in 586BC.
 - D. I misquoted the scripture:
 - 1. John 2:19 “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”
 - 2. Matthew 24:2 “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

Recap

- I. Desires and Plans (1:8-15)
 - A. Serve Christ in the Mission of the Gospel
 - 1. By Giving thanks for other Christians
 - a) Faith proclaimed throughout the world
 - b) Unceasing Prayer from loved ones: eg Paul
 - 2. By Seeking to encourage other Christians
 - a) Spiritually strengthening by establishing each other’s Faith
 - b) God’s will to come to you...Hindered.
 - 3. By Understanding the Offer of the Gospel to Romans
 - a) Ministry to Jew’s and Gentiles
 - b) Debtors to Greek and Barbarians
 - c) Debtors to Wise and Unwise

- II. Thematic Outline (1:16-17)
 - A. Do not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ
 - 1. For it is the power of God to Salvation
 - 2. For everyone who believes
 - 3. For Jew first and also for the Greek
 - 4. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed
 - 5. From Faith to Faith
 - a) Hab 2:4 “The just shall live by faith.”

Show Paul Harvey’s 1965: “If I were the Devil”

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- I. Reasons for Gentile Guilt (1:18-23)
 - A. Why does God judge people?
 1. They suppress the Knowledge of God (18-20)
 - a) God has made Himself known (18-19)
 - b) God's eternal power and divine nature can be known from Creation (20)
 - c) They are without excuse (20)
 2. They are Idolators (1:21-23)
 - a) They do not glorify or thank God (21)
 - b) They have become futile in their reasonings (21)
 - c) Their foolish hearts are darkened (21-22)
 - d) They exchange the worship of the Creator for His Creation (23)

- II. Results of Gentile Guilt (1:24-32)
 - A. How does God judge people?
 1. He Gives them Over (24-32)
 - a) To impurity/Dishonoring their bodies (24)
 - b) They exchange the Truth of God for a Lie (25)
 - (1) They are Idolaters (25)
 - (2) God is Forever Blessed (25)
 - c) To Dishonorable Passions (26)
 - (1) Female Homosexuality (26)
 - (2) Male Homosexuality (27)
 - d) To receive the Due Penalty (27)
 - e) To every sort of Sin (28-31)
 - (1) sexual immorality, (porneia: Prostituting your body)
 - (2) wickedness, iniquity, depravity, debased mind
 - (3) covetousness
 - (4) maliciousness
 - (5) full of envy
 - (6) murder
 - (7) strife
 - (8) deceit
 - (9) evil-mindedness
 - (10)whispers, gossip, slander
 - (11)backbiters
 - (12)haters of God
 - (13)violent, insolent
 - (14)proud, arrogant
 - (15)boasters
 - (16)contriving and conniving ways particularly against neighbors
 - (17)disobedient to parents
 - (18)undiscerning
 - (19)untrustworthy
 - (20)unloving, heartless
 - (21)unforgiving
 - (22)unmerciful, ruthless
 - f) Yet they know the Righteous Decree of God (32)