## Romans 1:18-32

The first chapter in the book of Romans totally destroys the concept of evolution in the origins of man. Charles Darwin is disproved right here. We'll show you why.

**Romans 1:18:** The wrath of God comes down on man from heaven because of man's behavior. Man doesn't want the truth of God known, and the truth is told right here.

**Vs19:** Our government is trying to make a law that would designate this chapter of Romans as a "hate chapter". We'll teach it anyway. God is showing them the truth.

**Vs20:** Man, since God has put him on the face of this earth, has degenerated. Darwin says species get greater, but in reality we get worse.

**Vs21:** Instead of man becoming more godly, kind and intelligent, man has become more selfish, ignorant, and more like animals. We've gone from high to low.

Vs22: we continue to reject God and go with our own thoughts and ways that never work.

**Vs23:** the progression is: man rejects God in the Garden of Eden, then they start making replicas of man as their God, then man makes replica of birds, animals, and snakes (serpents) to worship. That's the lowest of the low.

**Vs24:** man sinks a bit lower still: because mankind's' hearts are set on de-evolution, God let man go lower to the level of homosexuality. This is unnatural.

Vs25: Man worships the creation that God put down here more than the creator Himself!

Vs26: even women defiled themselves.

**Vs27:** men being with men (homosexuals) are wrong. The recompense of the error of their ways means reaping what they sow: diseases are a big one we all know about (HIV/AIDS). Men and women are meant to marry and have children and be together. Homosexuality is lower than worshipping the lowest creation or creation itself. The bible says right here that homosexuality is the worst of the worst. It goes against the natural use of the order of man and woman.

**Vs28:** because men choose to behave this way, they can't tell the difference between right and wrong anymore.

**Vs29-32:** lists all the wrong things men do. You could take today's Sunday paper and go through these items (there are 22 of them) and find an article directly related to each of these sins. This is how man has sunk. All these things are worthy of death. The people who do these things not only enjoy doing them, but they like to see others doing them, too. "Birds of a feather flock together."

- 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- 30 backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- 31 without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful:
- 32 who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them.
- II Timothy 3 tells us these things listed will be very prominent in the world before Christ comes back.

The Greek says:

Unrighteousness: selfishness, enthroned against all the rights of others.

Wickedness: destructiveness, hostile activity.

Covetousness: to itch for more and more. Claiming more than one is due. Greedy.

Maliciousness: Malice. A desire to injure.

**Full of envy:** the hate that rises in the heart towards one who is above us, or who has what we want, or that we chose not to gain by the path we take.

Murder: to kill

**Strife:** beating down in wrangling and contention. Debate. To cause problems between certain groups.

**Deceit:** bait. Trap people to get what you want.

Malignity: Taking all things in an evil sense.

**Whisperers:** Secret slanderers. Snake-like. They charm others with their gossip and ruin people's lives.

Backbiters: open slanders. Incriminators. Rile up others with lies.

Hateful to God: to hate God and anything about Him, and to act out your hatred of God.

**Insolent:** People taking pleasure in insulting others.

Haughty: Proud, arrogant. Thinking your better than others.

Boastful: Lowly of heart. Me, me, me, all about me. Nobody can get another word in.

**Inventors of evil things:** Cain set up a city in the book of Genesis, and since then man has developed evil things. We've gotten so good at it we could wipe out the whole human race in 30 minutes.

**Disobedient to parents:** not able to be persuaded by parents. You can't get through to your kids. You can't influence them with your words and actions.

**Without understanding:** without understanding divine things. Having no moral discernment.

Covenant-breakers: Without good faith. Broken contracts in business and politics.

**Without natural affection:** this deals with affection in the intimate family setting. We are to be a tight, intimate, loving unit, and the family unit has been destroyed and attacked. Not willing to have a truce. Someone who wants to keep agitation going. Will not make peace. They're not happy unless they're unhappy.

**Unmerciful:** no respect for human beings.