

Given Over to a Reprobate Mind

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Romans 1:28 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;

Job 21:14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

I. A reprobate mind is the result of rejecting God.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary

REPROBATE, a. *L. reprobatus, reprobo, to disallow; re and probo, to prove.*

1. Not enduring proof or trial; not of standard purity or fineness; disallowed; rejected.
2. Abandoned in sin; lost to virtue or grace.
3. Abandoned to error, or in apostasy. 2Tim. 3.

- A. A reprobate mind is not the cause of sin – it is the result of sin.
- B. It is a mind that is rejected by God.
- C. Neither God, nor anyone else cannot reason with or deal with a mind that is given over to being reprobate.
- D. It is a darkened mind; depraved; dysfunctional in the realm of reality.
 1. Darkened to reality while living in fantasy and imaginations.

Romans 1:21 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.

2. Darkened to natural feelings and emotions.

Ephesians 4:18-19 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being **past feeling** have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, **without natural affection**, implacable, unmerciful:

3. Darkened to common sense and truth.
 - a) To do those things which are not convenient means to do things that are against nature and the natural use or purpose.

Romans 1:26-27 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: 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.

4. Darkened to the consequences of their actions, the certainty of death, the fear of God, and eternal punishment.

II. A reprobate mind is the “recompence which is meet” spoken of in Romans 1:27.

- A. It is completely just and what they deserve for doing to God what they have done.

Job 21:14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

- B. To be left to your lusts and selfishness may sound just like what the rebellious sinner wants, but it quickly turns into the suburbs of hell for him.
 - 1. The fornicator becomes insatiable.

Ezekiel 16:28-30 Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith. How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

- 2. The adulterer finds that he is the victim of his own sin when he loses the ability to trust anyone in marriage again, his life is ruined, along with the lives of his children and hers, and their spouses.

Proverbs 6:32-33 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

Proverbs 23:27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.

- 3. The sodomite is a fornicator who is doubly unclean.
 - a) They have the highest suicide rates of any group of people.
 - b) Young homosexual people are 14 times more likely to commit suicide than young straight people.
 - c) Between 30% and 45% of transgender people report having attempted suicide.
 - d) What does this tell us about what being given over to their lusts does for them?
 - 4. The drunkard and the drug addict lose everything in life, then their health, before they slide off into hell forever.

Proverbs 23:29-32 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

- 5. The thief lives in fear and on the run and his life becomes all about avoiding being caught.

Mark 14:48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me?**

Proverbs 13:15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

Psalms 9:15-17 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaiion (murmur; think on that). Selah. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

- C. For those who reject God their pleasure becomes their punishment.

Revelation 18:6-7 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.