

Homosexuality

The Wrath of God

Romans 1:18

God expresses His personal anger and unchanging reaction to ALL sin, provoked by the wicked behavior of individuals, nations, and by the unfaithfulness of God's people. (Eze 7:8-9; Eph 5:6; Rev 19:15; Ex 4:14; Nu 12:1-9; 2 Sa 6:6-7; Isa 10:5; 13:3; Jer 50:13; Eze 30:15; Nu 25:3; 32:10-13; Dt 29:24-28)

In the past, He revealed His anger toward sin in the flood, famine and plague, annihilation, scattering and burning of the land. (Ge 6-8; Eze 6:11; Dt 29:22-23; La 4:16; Isa 9:18-19)

In the present, He reveals His anger in His giving the wicked over to uncleanness and vile passions and in bringing ruin and death to all who disobey God. (Ro 1:18-3;20; 6:23; Eze 18:4; Eph 2:3)

In the future, God will reveal His anger in great distress for the ungodly of this world and a coming day of judgment for all people and nations – “a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom,” a day of reckoning for the unrighteous. God's wrath results in eternal punishment for the unrepentant. (Mt 24:21; Rev 5-19; Eze 7:19; Da 8:19; Zep 1:15; Mt 3:7; Lk 3:17; Eph 5:6; Col 3:6; Rev 11:18; 14:8-10; 19:15)

God Gave Them Over

Romans 1:24

God has two objectives in abandoning the unrighteous to sin:

1. To allow sin and its consequences to accelerate as part of his judgment on them.
2. To instill an awareness of the need for salvation.

A primary indicator of God's abandonment of any society or people is that they become obsessed with sexual immorality and perversion. (2 Co 12:21; Gal 5:19; Eph 5:30) The three stages of abandonment to impurity are:

1. God giving them over to sinful sexual pleasures that degrade the body.
2. God giving them over to shameful homosexual or lesbian passions.
3. God giving them over to a depraved mind, a mind that justifies you.

Human Degeneracy
Romans 1:27

The apostle Paul regarded the homosexual/lesbian abomination as the greatest evidence of human degeneracy resulting from immorality and God's abandonment. (Ge 19:4-5; Lev 18:22). Any nation that justifies homosexuality or lesbianism as an acceptable lifestyle is in its final stages of moral corruption.

God condemns the practice of supporting and encouraging evil by taking pleasure in the immoral actions of others. Sin becomes entertainment, the casual enjoyment of the sins of others that prevail within our society. Those who profess faith in Christ who use the immoral actions of others for entertainment and enjoyment are directly contributing to public opinion favorable to immorality and therefore to the corruption and eternal damnation of an indefinite number of other people. This sin is worthy of death and will be exposed and judged at the final day of judgment. (2 Th 2:12)

The Church Body must seek God's face, repent and change its ways before it attempts to persuade pagan society to follow Biblical law. Holy living is an outward sign that is visible (Ro 2:3; Lk 6:42) The eternal consequence facing those who have not had an adequate chance to understand the gospel should cause us to make an unflinching effort to take the gospel to every person in every nation. (Mt 4:19; Ro 9:37)

Faith and Grace
Romans 2:7

God punishes evil doers and rewards the righteous. (Jn 5:29; Gal 6:7-8) The righteous are those who have been justified by faith and persevere in doing what is right according to God's standard. (Ro 1:16-17; 3:24; Mt 24:13; Col 1:23; Heb 3:14; Rev 2:10.) They value highly the glory that comes from God and they seek eternal life. (Ro 1:23; 2:7; 5:2; 8:18; 8:23; 1 Co 15:51-57; 1 Pe 1:4; Rev 21:1-22:5) Those seeking immortality do so by grace through faith. (Ro 3:24-25; Eph 1:4-7; 2:8-10; 2 Ti 2:1; Php 2:12-13) The faithful enter into "glory, honor and immortality" by "persistence in doing good" through the enabling grace given to them by Christ. Those who do evil are selfish, disobey the truth and take pleasure in unrighteousness. They receive anger and trouble. (Ro 1:28-32; 2:8-9)

All who continue in sin, even though they have no knowledge of God's law, will perish because they have a measure of knowledge of right and wrong. God will not automatically save those who do not hear the gospel, nor will He give them a second chance after death. (Ro 2:12-15; Mt 4:19)

Prayer of Salvation

Pray this simple prayer:

**Dear Heavenly Father,
I thank you for sending
your only son
to die on the cross
for my sins.
I repent and ask you
into my heart
to be
my Lord and Savior.
I thank you for completely
forgiving my sins and choosing not to remember my sin.
I accept that I am deeply loved,
completely forgiven,
fully pleasing to you, totally accepted
and a new creature
complete in Christ.**

**In Jesus Name,
Amen**