



Salvation: Why? and How?
Romans Chapters One to Five
Calvary Baptist Church
Sermon 4: A World Condemned
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Romans 1:18-23

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I. The Reason for Condemnation (1:18-23)

A. The Declaration of Condemnation (1:18)

Wrath - Orge - God's punishment of sin which stems from His anger against evil.

1. The Source of Condemnation: The Righteous Judge

- a. **The Person - God**
- b. **The Place - Heaven**

2. The Subjects of Condemnation: The Righteous Judgment

- a. **The Ungodly**
Asebeia - To live in a manner contrary to proper religious beliefs and practice. *Louw and Nida*
- b. **The Unrighteous (Cf., Lk. 13:27)**
Hold the truth - *katecho*. "To prevent someone from doing something by restraining or hindering." *Louw and Nida*

B. The Details of Condemnation (1:19-23)

1. God Revealed (1:19-20)

- a. **The Certainty of the Revelation (1:19; Cf. Gal. 3:11; Mt. 6:4)**
- b. **The Clarity of the Revelation (1:20a)**
- c. **The Content of the Revelation (1:20b)**
- d. **The Conclusion of the Revelation (1:20c)**
Without Excuse - *Anapologetos*. Having nothing to say in one's own defense.

2. God Rejected (1:21-23)

- a. **The Characteristics of Their Disobedience**
 - 1) **Their Acknowledgment (1:21)**
 - 2) **Their Appreciation (1:21)**
 - 3) **Their Arrogance (1:22)**
 - 4) **Their Actions (1:23)**
- b. **The Consequence of Their Disobedience**
 - 1) **Loss of Reasoning (1:21)**
 - 2) **Loss of Understanding (1:21)**
 - 3) **Loss of Wisdom (1:22)**

CONCLUDING APPLICATION

- The verses reveal the futility of **Evolution**. Man is not moving up. When he perceives God he moves away from Him. (Cf., McGee)
- The verses reveal the futility of **Education**. Making men smarter doesn't bring men closer!
- These verses reveal the necessity of **Examining** the light that God gives us!
- These verses reveal the necessity of **Evangelism**.

"There is a God!" says nature, pointing to seasons, stars and suns; "He is eternal in His power." But man needs much more than that. Man needs a personal Redeemer, and nature cannot satisfy that need, for nature knows nothing of forgiveness. Its rules are relentless and ruthless, visiting swift retribution on all infringement of its laws. It teaches no moral codes. Savage tribes have dwelt with nature for ages and produced cannibals! Nature has a voice but it has no heart, and it offers no solution to man's greatest problem, that of sin. It makes no mention of a Saviour. There can be no comparison between God's witness to Himself in creation and His witness to Himself in redemption. Creation will tell us somewhat of the work of His hands; Calvary alone unveils His heart. *Exploring Romans*