

# **THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF SIN**

## (Romans 1:18-20 NKJV)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

## (Romans 1:21-23 NKJV)

because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

## (Romans 1:24-25 NKJV)

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

## (Romans 1:26-28 NKJV)

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

## (Romans 1:29-31 NKJV)

being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

## (Romans 1:32 NKJV)

who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

## **God gave them up**

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Point #1:

**We can not afford to reject the moral  
law giver.**

## **A love problem**

*"If you love me, you will obey what I command."* (John 14:15 NIV)

# **I love God's Law**

*“O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.” (Psa 119:97 KJV)*

# Homosexuality

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## God says...

*(Lev 18:22 NIV) "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.*

## One of many sins

*(1 Cor 6:9-11 NKJ) Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

# **All of us have sinned**

*“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Rom 3:23 NKJV)*

Point #2:

**Homosexuality is a symptom of a society that has rejected God.**



## Doing things that are not fitting

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## **“Unfitting” Things**

- Being filled with all unrighteousness
- Sexual immorality (sex outside of marriage)
- Wickedness
- Covetousness (greediness)
- Maliciousness (depravity)
- Envy (jealousy)
- Murder
- Strife (contention)

## “Unfitting” Things

- Deceit
- Evil-mindedness
- *They are* whisperers (gossips)
- Backbiters (slanderers)
- Haters of God
- Violent
- Proud
- Boasters
- Inventors of evil things

# **“Unfitting” Things**

- Disobedient to parents
- Undiscerning
- Untrustworthy
- Unloving
- Unforgiving
- Unmerciful

Point #3:

**The depravity of man shows us our  
sin.**

## **Deserving of Death**

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Point #4:

**The extent of man's sin shows us the power of God's grace.**



# **CONCLUSION**