
Exodus 20:4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Key:
Pg. 2: intelligence; revelation; rejection.
Pg. 3: ignorance

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The Downward Spiral of Man

Lost—part 2

Romans 1

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The book of Romans overview:

Theme: The righteousness of God; how unrighteous people are made righteous.

Key verse: *Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it's written, He who through faith is righteous shall live.*

*Romans 3:26 ...He did it to demonstrate his **justice** at the present time, so as to be **just** and the one who **justifies** those who have faith in Jesus.*

The gospel

Rom. 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel... it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

■ The downward spiral of I _____ (1:18-20)

Romans 1:18 For the **wrath** of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness **suppress** the **truth**.

■ Romans 1:19 For **what can be known about God is plain** to them, because God has shown it to them.

Romans 1:20 Ever since the creation of the world his **invisible nature**, namely, his **eternal power** and **deity**, has been **clearly perceived** in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse;

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- Theme #1: Profound revelation.

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- Theme #2: Profound rejection.
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The downward spiral of I _____ (1:21-23)

Romans 1:21 ...for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became **futile** in their thinking and their **senseless** minds were **darkened**.

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Romans 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

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Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

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Romans 1:23 ...exchanged the glory of the immortal God for **images** resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles.

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Exodus 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before me.
