

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 23, 1989

“The Suppression of Truth has a Present Price”
Romans 1:24-32
Part 3

Introduction: When we refer to people as “nice” we are talking on human terms. My neighbor is very nice, but he does not know the Lord. Does God say my neighbor is nice? No.

Body:

1. God gave them over to impurity: Verses 24-25.

- A. Emphasis on sexual sin
- B. Their bodies might be dishonored
- C. The hope being that they might repent

This is God’s plan and it is being worked out.

2. Verses 26 -27, God gave them over to degrading passions;

3. God gave them over to a depraved mind: depraved mind; reprobate mind.
Hebrews 6:7-8, it is worthless, they have worthless minds. This is from God’s viewpoint.

The life of man and the mind of man is to produce glory, honor and praise to God. The worthless mind produces “thorns and thistles,” those things which are not proper.

This is true of all men who are not in Christ. Verse 29-30 describes the thinking and behavior of these people. Verse 29 “being filled with... “ this is how much they are involved in this wickedness, “filled” they are completely and totally involved with it.

They are sinners, separated from God without hope. We can be lulled into thinking these are nice people, they are not. They are wicked, evil and depraved.

We get lulled by what the world is saying. We need to think on God’s level. What are we to do doing with these depraved people?

Matthew 10:16, “Behold I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.”

Down deep inside of every worthless mind is the knowledge that those who practice this evil are worthy of death but not only do they do evil, but give hearty approval to those

others who do also. They welcome being in a group.

Praise God by His grace I have seen the light.

Compassion for the world, see it as God sees it.

Be wise in terms of behavior and interactions with the world.