

Unrighteousness Leads to Wrath **1:18-23**

The revelation of the wrath of God, 18

*Both God's righteousness (16) and wrath (18) are now being revealed. 1:24-32 shows just how this wrath is revealed now.

*What motivates people to deliberately suppress the truth?

The declaration of the invisible attributes of God, 19,20

*How can we see God's invisible attributes from looking at creation? Cosmological and teleological arguments employ such reflection. See also Ps. 8:3,9, 19:1,2, 97:6, 104:24.

*No excuse—seeing nature is sufficient to condemn but . . .

The rejection of the knowledge of God, 21-23

The failure to *glorify/give thanks* to God results in . . .

Futility in thinking: Refusing clear insight from God leads to a further loss of insight and pride ironically. We are ever told to be grateful, Col. 2:6,7, 3:16, Heb. 12:28.

Folly in worship: Failure to respond to God leads to a downward decay in worship—worshipping the creation vs. the creator. What other foolish idols might people worship?

