

Victoria Fellowship Church
International & Interdenominational
Bible Study Worksheet – April 16th, 2023

Theme: The Power of God at work in us **Topic:** The Godlessness of Men

Main Text: Romans 1:18-32

Key verse: Romans 1:18 *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness” (NKJV)*

INTRODUCTION: As we continue our quarter series on ‘The Power of God at work in us’, we turn our attention this week to a topic that is less palatable to address concerning God’s Power. This is regarding God’s power to express terrible wrath and destruction of death on the ungodly soul. While humans on earth continue living and get carried away with the evil pleasures the world system has to offer, the ungodly simply carry on living lawless and unregulated lives in the name of ‘having fun’ and ‘chopping life’. We are reminded this week of the consequences of living this kind of ungodly life. This sobering study will show us that God’s displeasure at the ungodly is as severe as His Love for the godly. The fatal end awaiting the ungodly is something of which every believer must ensure he or she never partakes in the afterlife.

1. **Read Romans 1:18-21. It suggests that no person can give an excuse for not knowing God as they ‘suppress the truth in unrighteousness’ (a) What excuses do the ungodly give for not acknowledging that God exists? (b) Why would people know that God exists and still choose to live an ungodly life that He (God) does not approve of? (c) Discuss the effect of not wanting to pursue the true Knowledge of God and/or ignorance of God on the Church and the world today.**

“The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God”. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good” (Psalms 14:1 NKJV). With various new-age groups espousing different schools of thought on the existence or non-existence of God in the world today, people are falling into the trap of doubting the existence of God despite the many works that prove that indeed He is. This ignorance of God fuels a hedonistic lifestyle focused on pleasure rather than godliness. We see that this ignorance is no excuse in escaping God’s wrath and judgement. In fact, the Bible expects that all men will acknowledge God without excuse, as stated in Romans 1:20a, *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, . . . so that they are without excuse,”*

2. **In Romans 1:26-28, it states that God “gave up” (KJV, NKJV), or “abandoned them” (NLT) “He let those bad things rule their lives (EASY). (a) What are the implications of this action by God on the ungodly? (b) Can we draw analogies with Exodus 11:10, 14:4a, and 1 Samuel 16:14? (c) Discuss the effect of God’s seeming ‘abandonment’ on the state of families, communities, and society in the world today.**

It seems unconscionable that God would not only give up on a life but in fact go further to use His power to enhance the perdition of that soul by actively seeing that the soul can no longer repent (see the hardening of pharaoh’s heart or the sending of an evil spirit to King Saul), thereby actively participate in the destruction of an Individual. Such is the fate of the ungodly. This is why it says in Hebrews 10:30 that “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” When God gives up on an ungodly person, all hope is lost for that individual including the ability to turn around and repent. Therefore, we must do all in our capacity and power not to get into this.

3. **The consequences of ungodliness are ultimately hell and destruction of the soul after death. But one cannot rule out the effects on individuals, families, and society even during our lifetimes. Read Romans 1:26-27 (a) Discuss the effects of ungodliness, especially the LBGT+ lifestyle (b) What effect do we see this level of ungodliness having on societies in the next century if revival does not descend to increase godliness in any society? (c) How can we as Christians help to increase godliness or abolish ungodliness in our society and in the world?**

Prayer: *“Our dear Father, please save us, our families, our nations, and world from every form of ungodliness in Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen*