

## Romans 1:18-32, Daily Devotions

### ☐ Monday - Reconciled Unto God.

Romans 1:18

Scripture declares, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18). Though God's wrath looms like a dark cloud over the unconverted, but the Christian need never again fear His fierce anger. For Christ has propitiated (satisfied) God's wrath for all those who believe, by bearing their eternal punishment on the cross (Isa. 53:11). Let us therefore "exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation" (Rom. 5:11).

Read 1 John 4:10

### ☐ Tuesday - Rejoice in the God of All Creation!

Romans 1:20

God has left proof of His existence in Creation. "For since the creation of the world [God's] invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made" (Rom. 1:20). Yes, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament declares His handiwork" (Psa. 19:1). Christian, train your eye to look for the fingerprints of God in the beauty of Creation all around you, then rejoice in the God of all Creation!

Read Psalm 8:1

### ☐ Wednesday - Give Thanks to the Lord Always!

Romans 1:21-30

Here, the apostle outlines four stages of man's downward spiral away from God: [1] "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks" (Rom. 1:21); [2] "they exchanged the truth of God for a lie" (Rom. 1:25); [3] "they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer" (Rom. 1:28); and finally [4] they became "haters of God" (Rom. 1:30). How does this horrible downward progression begin? Look again at the first step: "They did not honor Him as God or give thanks." The on-ramp to the highway to hell (Mt. 7:13) is an unthankful heart. Christian, "in everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18).

Read Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:17

### ☐ Thursday - Accountable to God.

Romans 1:19-21

The agnostic is not even honest with himself. He says that he does not know if God exists or not. But God, who knows every heart (Psa. 44:21), declares "that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them ... so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:19-21). It is not that men do not know God, but rather they do not want to be accountable to Him. But you, dear child of God, live each day in light of that final day, when you will stand before your God and give an account of every word (Mt. 12:36), action (2 Cor. 5:10), thought (Psa. 139:1-2), attitude (Jer. 12:3), and motive (Prov. 16:2).

Read Romans 14:12; Revelation 20:12

### ☐ Friday - Check Your Sources.

Romans 1:21-22

The apostle speaks of those who "became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools" (Rom. 1:21-22). No matter how many letters you tack on the end of an atheist's name (e.g. PhD), he is still a fool in spiritual matters (Psa. 14:1). "The wisdom of this world is foolishness before God" (1 Cor. 3:19). Christian, be careful where you get your information. The Bible is the only infallible rule for faith and practice.

Read Jeremiah 9:23-24

### ☐ Saturday - Misery Loves Company.

Romans 1:32

The sinner eases his guilty conscience by inviting others to participate with him in his sinful actions. They "not only do the same [sinful activities], but also give hearty approval to those who practice them" (Rom. 1:32). Dear Christian, "if sinners entice you, do not consent ... do not walk in the way with them, keep your feet from their path (Prov. 1:10-15). "Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals" (1 Cor. 15:33).

Read Ephesians 5:1-12