

ROMANS 1 vs 24

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Now Paul is going to show us his incredible teaching style as he unfolds the inspired word of God... over the next several verses, not finishing until he gets through the middle of chapter 2. And with this introduction to the book of Romans, he hopes to have the whole world's attention -- every nation... every culture... as well as every individual. And he's going to start with the juiciest examples, so get our stones ready to throw!



What did Paul just say? Because senseless men... **anthropon**... who hold down the truth, who restrain the truth un-rightly... because when they knew God, they neither acknowledged Him, nor were thankful to Him... and changed, and traded the glory of God into an image... like unto the corruptible **anthropon**, an image that looked like themselves, and birds and mammals and reptiles.

And we read...

²⁴ **Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness** / the word is: **paradidomi**... used 3 times in this first chapter of Romans. All the other times, over 100 times in the gospels and the book of Acts. And what does **paradidomi** mean? It's what happened to John the Baptist being **cast into prison**. It is the word used every time when we read, they **will deliver** the Son of man to the chief priests. And the same word, when we read, The Son of man **will be betrayed**. It is what Judas did to Jesus.

And here, Paul tells us: **God will do it to them**... those who exchange and trade-in His glory for their own images. And God betrayed them; He delivered them... He handed them over...

to filth through the lusts! Through the **strong desires**... good and bad desires. You know some modern preachers... salivate and slurp... when they pound on the saints about their LUSST's! too stupid to know, Paul says, I **long** to depart to be with the Lord... same word. Or when we read the night Jesus was betrayed, how [He desired to have this Passover meal with them](#)... same word -- **Luke 22**,

And God delivered them over to filth through the strong desires of their own hearts / and not every strong desire is bad; but not all strong desires serve God's purpose.

And God handed them over... to dishonor their own bodies in themselves / the word: **tima**; is, to **honor**. This word is: **atimazo**... dishonoring; like when the prodigal son who woke up one day... finding himself sleeping in the pig sty; and innately knew to return to his home. But let's go on...

²⁵ **Who changed the truth of God into a lie** / who exchanged the truth of God... now if this were currency, they'd be losing money left and right with their lousy exchange rates! But let's go on...

and worshiped / the word is: **sebazomai**. It's only used here in the Bible... though its root word is used when we read Jesus quoting Isaiah. When He says, [This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. In vain they worship Me.](#) / And like children, they start playing games. They worship God with lip-service only! This is not the word for worship used throughout the New Testament. That word is: **proscuneo**; meaning: to bow the knee 'to kiss the ground' But these people Paul addressed probably say: Well we don't do that; we're more proper! And they give God lip-service.

But let's go on...

and serve the creation / they bow down and worship only what they see. And these mental midgets with no moral compass, they want to play god, thinking they are more concerned about the creation. **and serve the creation... instead of the blessed Creator, who is forever** / instead of the Eu-logetos Creator; who speaks **good words** to His creation. And Paul gets sort of excited when he thinks of God and says, **Amen!**

²⁶ **For this cause, God gave them up** / for a second time, the word is: **paradidomi**. God betrayed them. He delivered them; Dr. Gene Scott said, He gave them a push! God handed them over...

to vile affections! / and they probably are, but the words are: **dishonoring pathos**; their passions are off. So to recap, God gave these who once knew Him, but who no longer acknowledge Him or are thankful to Him... God gave them over to their passions -- both good or bad passions, that would dishonor their intended purpose. What was the purpose of creating man? God said, [Let Us make man in Our image](#). And choosing to... serve the creation instead of the Creator, God gave them a push.

Are your stones ready?

for even their women did change the natural / in the New Testament, the word for women is: **gune**. used over 200 times. This word is **not: gunel**! It's **thelus**. Can we say: thelus? THELUS! It means **female**. Even their **females** exchanged the natural. It's the word Jesus uses when He quotes Genesis, [God made them male and female](#). And God did not make dogs... women! But He made them female. And some women may be like... well, you know! And that 'B' word can be a badge of honor. I mean the way a mother can protect her child! Wow! I've seen it, so don't back off. that's not what this verse is talking about.

And just an aside -- Dr. Gene Scott in his masterful exposition of the book of Romans... pointed out God is dealing with problems across His creation; giving examples, such as pictures taken of llamas in South America often show a female shepherdess attending them... because female llamas -- for whatever reason... can overpower young male shepherds; and female shepherds can take their rod and beat them off. And llamas will respond to the female shepherd. Enough said!

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for even their females did exchange their natural use / their natural, their physical, the word is: **phusikos**; their physical use. Now for whatever reason, one of the Bible dictionaries said: their employment -- especially sexual intercourse. And that might be so, but calm down. The word is: **chresis**. And **chresis**... even in modern Greek means: **use**.

And their natural use was: **acknowledging and being thankful to God**; as well as being helpful to their man.

And they exchanged that natural use...

into what is against nature / it says here. But the word is: *para*. It means: from... of... at... by... besides... near or instead of. In the previous verse it was translated: **more than**. So calm down! Put your stones down; you don't get to throw them quite yet.

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