

# The Book of Romans

## I. Paul's Introduction to his Letter (1:1-17)

## II. Paul *Declares* Man's Need for God's Salvation and Righteousness (1:18-3:20)

### A. He *Declares* that the Wrath of God is Revealed Against all *Ungodliness* and *Unrighteousness* of Men (1:18-2:16)

1. *Who* have “suppressed the truth of God in unrighteousness” (1:18)
2. *Who* have rejected the true knowledge of God made evident to them (1:18-20)
3. *Who* have exchanged the worship of the true God, for the worship of idolatry (1:21-23)
4. *Who* have been abandoned by God to follow the “lusts” of their own hearts (1:24-31)

### 5. *Who* know the righteous judgment of God, yet *practice* unrighteousness themselves (1:32-2:16)

- a. *Having* knowledge of God's condemnation of “such things” (1:32a)
- b. *Having* both practiced and approved of the unrighteousness (1:32b)
- c. *Having* passed judgment on others for what they *themselves* practice (2:1)
  - 1) which leaves them with no excuse before God (2:1a)
  - 2) which results in their own self-condemnation (2:1b)

<sup>32</sup> and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who *practice* such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty *approval* to those who *practice* them.

Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes *judgment*, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the *same things*. (1:32, 2:1)

- d. Having failed to recognize their own accountability before God (2:2-16)

<sup>2</sup> And we know that the judgment of God *rightly falls* upon those who *practice* such things.

<sup>3</sup> But do **you** suppose this, **O man**, when you **pass judgment** on those who **practice** such things and **do the same yourself**, that you will **escape** the **judgment of God**?

<sup>4</sup> Or do you **think lightly** of the **riches** of His **kindness** and **tolerance** and **patience**, not knowing that the **kindness of God** leads you to **repentance**?

<sup>5</sup> But because of your **stubbornness** and **unrepentant heart** you are **storing up wrath** for yourself in the **day of wrath** and **revelation** of the **righteous judgment of God**,

<sup>6</sup> who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS **DEEDS**:  
<sup>7</sup> to those who by **perseverance** in doing **good** seek for **glory** and **honor** and **immortality**, **eternal life**;

<sup>8</sup> but to those who are **selfishly ambitious** and do **not obey** the truth, but **obey unrighteousness**, **wrath** and **indignation**.

<sup>9</sup> *There will be tribulation and distress* for every **soul** of man who does **evil**, of the **Jew first** and also of the **Greek**,  
<sup>10</sup> but **glory** and **honor** and **peace** to everyone who does **good**, to the **Jew first** and also to the **Greek**.

<sup>11</sup> For there is **no partiality** with **God**.

<sup>12</sup> For all who have **sinned without** the **Law** will also **perish without** the **Law**, and all who have **sinned under** the **Law** will be **judged** by the **Law**;

<sup>13</sup> for *it is not* the **hearers** of the **Law** who are **just** before **God**, but the **doers** of the **Law** will be **justified**.

<sup>14</sup> For when **Gentiles** who **do not** have the **Law** **do instinctively** the **things** of the **Law**, these, **not having** the **Law**, are a **law to themselves**,

<sup>15</sup> in that they **show** the **work** of the **Law written** in their **hearts**, their **conscience** bearing **witness** and their **thoughts** alternately **accusing** or else **defending** them,

<sup>16</sup> on the **day** when, according to **my gospel**, **God will judge** the **secrets of men** *through* **Messiah Jesus**.

## Summary Outline

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  - 1) **which** leaves them with **no excuse** before **God** (2:1a)
  - 2) **which** results in their **own self-condemnation** (2:1b)
- d. **Having failed to recognize their own accountability before God** (2:2-16)
  - 1) **Who** will **judge them** for their own **hypocrisy** (2:2-3)
  - 2) **Who** has **bestowed on them kindness and tolerance** in seeking their **repentance** (2:4)
  - 3) **Who** is **poised to judge them**, with "stored up" **wrath** (2:5)
  - 4) **Who** will **render to each person** according to their **deeds** (2:6-10)
  - 5) **Who** will **judge each *without* favoritism** (2:11-12)
  - 6) **Who** will **judge the Gentiles** according to **the Law "written"** in their **hearts** (2:13-16)

## Personal Application

### There will be *Accountability*

If **you say**, "See, we did **not know this**,"  
 Does **He not** consider *it* who **weighs the hearts**?  
 And does **He not** know *it* who **keeps your soul**?  
 And will **He not render** to **man** according to **his work**?  
 (Proverbs 24:12)

#### A. *Accountability* for **Believers**

For **we** must **all appear** before the **judgment seat** of **Messiah**,  
 so that **each one** may be recompensed for **his deeds** in the **body**,  
 according to what **he has done**, whether **good or bad**.  
 (II Corinthians 5:10)

For the **Son of Man** is going to **come** in the **glory** of **His Father** with **His angels**,  
 and WILL THEN **REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS**. (Matthew 16:27)

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 But you, why do you **judge your brother**?

Or you again, why do you regard **your brother** with **contempt**?  
For **we** will all **stand before** the **judgment seat** of **God**...

So then **each one** of us will give **an account** of **himself** to **God**.  
(Romans 14:10, 12)

## B. **Accountability** for **Unbelievers**

For the **wicked boasts** of his **heart's desire**,  
And the **greedy man curses and spurns** the **LORD**...

**Why** has the **wicked spurned God**?  
**He** has said **to himself**, "**You will not require it.**" (Psalm 10:3, 13)

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"**I, the LORD, search** the **heart, I test** the **mind**,  
Even to **give** to **each man** according to **his ways**,  
According to the **results** of his **deeds**. (Jeremiah 17:10)

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Many of those who **sleep** in the dust of the **ground** will **awake**,  
**these to everlasting life**,  
but the **others** to **disgrace and everlasting contempt**. (Daniel 12:2)

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Then I saw a **great white throne** and **Him** who **sat upon it**,..  
And I saw the **dead**, the **great** and the **small, standing** before the **throne**,  
and **books were opened**; and another **book** was **opened**,  
which is *the book of life*; and the **dead** were **judged** from the **things**  
which were **written** in the **books**, according to their **deeds**...

And if anyone's **name** was **not** found written in the **book of life**,  
he was thrown into the **lake of fire**. (Revelation 20:11a, 12, 15)

## C. **Accountability** for **Satan** and **his Angels**

When the **thousand years** are completed, **Satan** will be **released**  
from **his prison**, and will come out to **deceive** the **nations**  
which are in the **four corners** of the **earth**,..  
and **fire** came down from **heaven** and **devoured them**  
( the **deceived** of **Satan**).

And the **devil** who **deceived them**  
was thrown into the **lake of fire** and **brimstone**,  
where the **beast** and the **false prophet** are also; and they will be  
**tormented** day and night **forever and ever**. (Revelation 20:7-8, 9b,10)

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"Then **He (Jesus)** will also say to those on His left, '**Depart from Me, accursed ones,**  
into the **eternal fire** which has been **prepared** for the **devil** and **his angels**;' " " "  
(Matthew 25:41)