



SERMON NOTES

“Unashamed: When God Lets Go”

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Romans 1:18-32

“For in the Gospel a righteousness of God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith...The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven...against men who suppress the truth by their wickedness...Therefore God gave them over...God gave them over...He gave them over...” Rom. 1:17-18, 24, 26, 28

The uncomfortable fact for many is that God always starts with revealing Himself to people; those who reject God are then subject to His wrath. There is no middle ground.

When God Lets Go: 4 Stages of Moral Devolution

1. Rejection of God in spite of *Intelligence* – vs 18-20

- What is known about God is plainly seen.
- God’s eternal power and divine nature are clearly understood from what has been made.
- Man has suppressed the truth of God’s existence.

“The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” Ps. 14:1

2. Purpose to live a life of willful *Ignorance* – vs 21-23

- They know God but don’t want to know God.
- They refuse to glorify or thank God creating a futile minds and darkened hearts.
- Claiming to be wise they foolishly exchange the real God for images of created things.

“He took the gold they had given him and fashioned a calf and said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you out of Egypt!” Ex. 32:4

3. *Indulgence* in perverse immorality– vs 24-27

- Self-deification always leads to self-indulgence.
- The evil desire of man is clearly seen in sexual perversity.
- The wrath of God is revealed, not by fire from heaven, but by letting man go to be as sinful as he wants to be.

“The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.” Gen. 6:5

4. *Impenitence* is spite of judgment – vs 28-32

- They are abandoned to a depraved mind and every kind of wickedness.
- A depraved mind cannot make right judgments.
- They continued in wickedness in spite of judgement and encouraged others to do the same.

“Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.” Phil. 3:19

As people arrogantly and ignorantly indulge in impenitent sin, there is a desperate need for the people of God to be a flood of light and carry the gospel to all people. The power of the gospel is their only hope.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.” Romans 1:16



Praise Reports

- Julie ChangRizk, praise the Lord for today!
- Mathias Girke, praise God for His provision and blessing.
- Perry Pugel, praise God for being our rock and His faithfulness. Thanks for our 20th anniversary and out of town getaway to recharge.
- Jenny Wong, thank you to the worship team and your message.

Prayer Requests

- Andy Brown, pray for John Birch's healing who is in the hospital with an infection. Doctor's wisdom in treating him.
- Daphne Chen, prayer for faith in God, for India and Taiwan and for Uli's biopsy.
- David DeSagun, continued guidance and obedience in the Lord's will.
- Corina Dume, we are praying for a home for our family, wisdom in choosing the right school for our girls and good jobs. Amen!
- Analiza Kilat, God's timing in every step I make.
- Kimi Kuruma, pray for wisdom.
- Vann Ky, pray for supernatural efficiency at work.
- Anita Lewis, pray for peace in Burma; recently 50,000 people flee for their lives.
- Barbara Maselli, very bad back pain.
- Bill and Patty Moll, Pray for Tenderloin Ministry as it starts on July 10, the Lord open the doors in the buildings and volunteers. Pray for Patty's vision, her eye is still bleeding.
- Timothy Randall, my fiancé Kali wants to be baptized because she was forced when she was a kid and didn't make the decision herself.
- Lavinia Tuipulotu, please pray for my daughter Lani and myself for God's healing touch, we have a problem with our joints.
- Lay Hooi and Christian Verkerk, pray for the kids to be safe in France/ The Netherlands.
- James Williams, please let me fulfill my purpose, Lord.
- Jenny Wong, May the Lord restore our loss.
- Ron Yamamoto, prayers for Steve and Patty, for Molly, Sage, and Mike, for my sister Denise and niece Jennifer and for Lara and Michael.