

FUZZY THINKERS

ROMANS 1:18-23

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “What does the wrath of God mean? It means His settled opposition to all that is evil, arising out of His very nature...His nature is such that He abhors evil, He hates evil.” D M. Lloyd-Jones, Romans: Atonement and Justification (3:20-4:25), p. 75. God poured out His wrath on Jesus on the cross. He took our sin upon Himself and paid our sin debt in order that righteousness may be accredited to our account. “If one does not have the righteousness of God, he or she has the wrath of God.” R. Kent Hughes, Romans: Righteousness from Heaven, p. 38.

HAVE NO EXCUSE. “God’s natural revelation of Himself is not obscure or selective, observable only by a few perceptive souls who are specially gifted. His revelation of Himself through creation can be **clearly seen** by everyone, **being understood through what has been made.**” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Romans 1-8, p. 79. (**Romans 1:18-20, fn 1:18, fn 1:18-20[1st], fn 1:20[1st], Psalm 19:1-4, fn 19:1-6, fn 19:3, 4, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[2nd]**) *How does nature show you a revelation of God and a “start” to present the gospel?*

DO NO LOGICAL THINKING. When we give God glory, we give Him the proper recognition of who He is. Failing to give God thanks and humbly acknowledging the blessings He gives, is a failure to think rightly of God as our Creator. (**Romans 1:21, fn 1:21-23, Psalm 29:1, 2, Acts 17:22-28, fn 17:27, 28, Ephesians 4:17, 18, fn 4:17, I Thessalonians 5:18, fn 5:18**) *How do God’s glory and your thankfulness to Him go together?*

HAVE NO PLACE FOR GOD. Anything in your life that is taking the place that God, your Creator, should have is an idol. This could be money, sex, your job, your family, your time, your vocation, or even your ministry. “A self-made man worships his creator.” (**Romans 1:22, 23, fn 1:21-32, fn 1:23, Luke 16:13-15, Romans 1:28, I Corinthians 6:9-12, fn 6:9-11**) *What could be an idol in your life? How could you keep it from displacing God?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.