Sinful Morality
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I. Introduction.

    A. Text: Romans 2:1-11.

    B. Romans is probably the most contemporary, up-to-date human document ever written.

II. Two universal characteristics of civilization: godlessness, which produces wickedness.

    A. This godlessness has come about by rejecting God's revelation in nature.

    B. God is ignored—He is not thanked.

    C. Men claim to be God.

    D. God is invalidated through secondary gods.

III. The effects of wickedness in human society.

    A. God gave men over to the sinful desires of their hearts, to sexual impurity.

        1. It is a result of idolatry that God gives men up.

        2. God is allowing men to experience the effects of their desires.

        3. The worst of sins are those of the spirit—sins of the flesh precede those of the spirit.

    B. God allows heterosexual practices to become perverted to show man his condition.

        1. People are really after a sense of wholeness.

        2. People think that sex will satisfy.

        3. God is teaching that only He can bring this sense of satisfaction through worship. (John 15)

    C. God allows homosexual practices to come about.

        1. These are shameful lusts that result from psychological confusion.

        2. This forces men to demonstrate their sins so that they can see what is going on in their lives.

        3. Homosexuality was a common vice in the ancient world.

        4. There is no hope for the homosexual who sees his condition as biological.

5. The penalty for this condition is a loss of a sense of identity.

D. God ultimately gives us over to a hostile and unacceptable mind.

      1. Child abuse is a symptom of this today.

      2. This all ends in a callous disregard.

      3. God permits this because it is only when darkness pervades a society that it welcomes the light.

Application questions:

1. Why does God allow sexual perversion to unveil the condition of man?
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2. How would you respond to someone who says that the Bible does not teach that homosexuality is wrong?
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3. Explain why God allows this evil to come about. How have you seen this principle at work in your own life?
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