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FROM BAD TO WORSE



Introduction:

When we find ourselves thinking that “things can’t get any worse,” we need enough self-honesty to realize that they can, and often do!

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Text: Romans 1:24-32

Therefore *God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.*

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**They exchanged the truth about God
for a lie, and worshiped and served
created things rather than the
Creator — who is forever praised.**

Amen.

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Because of this, *God gave them over to shameful lusts.* Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.

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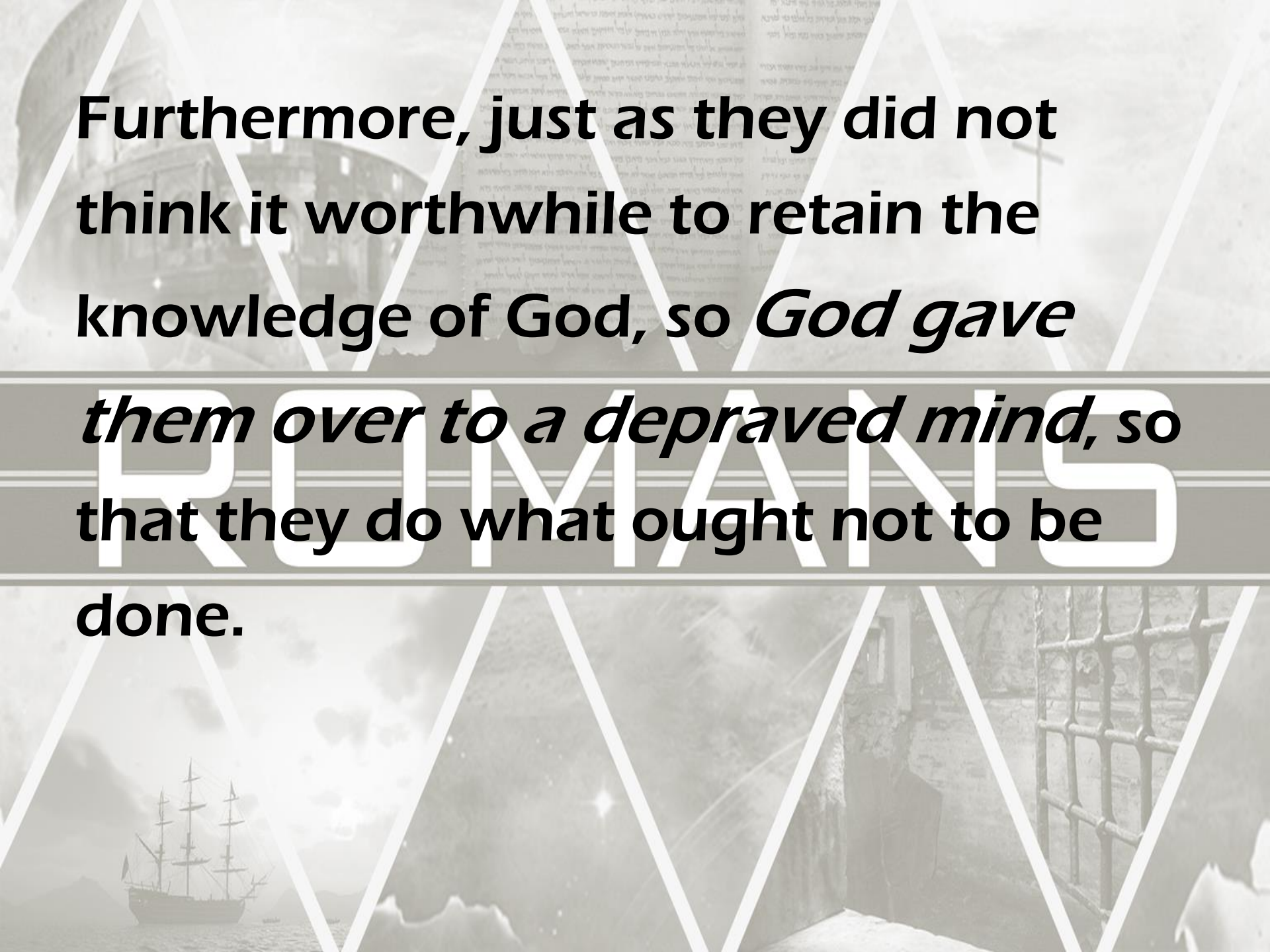
**Men committed shameful acts with
other men, and received in
themselves the due penalty for their
error.**

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Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so *God gave*

them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

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They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.

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They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

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Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

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When God gives a person over to **SIN**, that person will no longer experience His

PRESENCE or spiritual
PROTECTION.

The giving over by God of a person to sin is
PROGRESSIVE.

SINFUL desires:

Are **NATURAL** and **HEALTHY**.

Are **WRONG** because of
CONTEXT.

Are possible to **RESIST**.

When not **RESISTED, DEFILE** a
person and become **ROOTED** in the
mind.

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SHAMEFUL lusts:

Are **UNNATURAL** and
UNHEALTHY.

Are **WRONG** regardless of
CONTEXT.

Are **ADDICTIVE**, being impossible to
SATISFY, and inexorably lead to ever-
deeper **PERVERTSITY**.

Lead to utter **DEPRAVITY**.

DEPRAVED MINDS:

Are unrestrained by any MORALITY.

Are resistant to any AUTHORITY.

Are impervious to any CORRECTION.

Are consistently UNFAITHFUL,
UNLOVING, and lack any genuine
LOVE, EMPATHY, or
COMPASSION.

Sin creates a spiritual **BLACK HOLE**
of infinite **GRAVITY** from which there is
no human **ESCAPE.**

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Conclusion:

Spiritually, the question isn't how close you are to the falls, or even how far down the river you have traveled, but is whether you are **IN** the river, because all rivers flow downhill.



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