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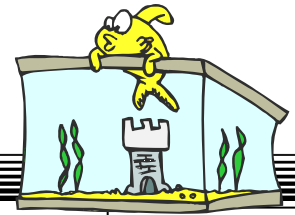
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What's Your Problem?

Sin & God's Temporary Concession

part 4



1. Careful _____ (v.24a)

2. Understand _____ (vv.24b-25a)

3. Anticipate _____ (v.25b)

Romans 1:24-25

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised.

Amen. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Describe a situation in which you, as a leader or parent, conceded to someone's stubborn insistence regarding a path or decision that you knew was not in that person's best interest. Why didn't you "force" that person to do what you knew was best?
2. Describe a time when you witnessed God's "abandoning" of a non-Christian to a sinful and destructive course?
3. When did God grant you something you obstinately sought – something for which you later paid the penalty?

What comfort do you take in a Heavenly Father who disciplines his children's wayward choices?

4. Why do you see God's decision for a temporary interim of sin a better solution than immediate judgment?
5. Read **Revelation 11:15-18**. List some of the things you can and should do now, in light of Christ's future consummation of sin?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

August 3rd

Job 11-12 & Ps. 94-95

August 4th

Job 13-14 & Ps. 96-97

August 5th

Job 15-16 & Ps. 98-99

August 6th

Job 17-18 & Ps. 100-101

August 7th

Job 19-20 & Ps. 102-103

August 8th

Job 21-22 & Ps. 104-105

August 9th

Job 23-24 & Ps. 106-107

August 10th

Job 25-26 & Ps. 108-109

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0027 – **If God is So Good, Why's the World So Bad?**

CD # 0222 - 0223 – **When Life Takes a Left Turn (a two-part series)**

CD # 0234 – **Why God Doesn't Make All Your New Years Happy**

CD # 0724 – **Looking Past the Pain to the Prize**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org**.)

Archer, Gleason. **The Book of Job**. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1982.

Bonar, Horatius. **Night of Weeping: When God's Children Suffer**. Christian Focus Publications, 1999.

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Feinberg, John S. **The Many Faces of Evil: Theological Systems and the Problem of Evil**. Zondervan, 1994.

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Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.

McGrath, Alister. **Suffering & God**. Zondervan, 1995.

Plantinga, Alvin. **God, Freedom, and Evil**. Eerdmans, 1974.

Poole, G. & J. Poling. **How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?** Zondervan, 1998.

Stackhouse, John. **Can God Be Trusted? Faith and the Challenge of Evil**. Oxford Press, 1998.

Tada, Joni Eareckson & Steve Estes. **When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty**. Zondervan, 1997.

Whitney, Barry L. **Theodicy: An Annotated Bibliography on the Problem of Evil 1960 – 1991**. PD Center, 1998.