

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *Romans 1:21-23*

**Title:** *Rejection*

**Central Truth:** When men reject the knowledge of God the inevitable result is a decline toward the spiritual darkness of idolatry.

I. vv. 21-22: **The Sin of Ignorance** (willful)

v. 21a: 1. **Ignore:** \_\_\_\_\_

v. 21b: 2. **Ingratitude:** \_\_\_\_\_

v. 21c & 22: 3. **Inflation:** \_\_\_\_\_

v. 21c: **mental** - KJV - **imagination**, NASB - **speculations**, NIV - **thinking** (Greek - *dialogismos*) This gives us our English word dialogue. It speaks of the working of the mind in thinking and reasoning. When we reject God, who is the essence of all truth then our thinking becomes distorted.

vv. 21d-22: **moral** (Greek - *moros*) English moron. It is not so much an intellectual deficiency as it is a moral condition! It is a "heart thing" where people reject God to embrace their own wickedness (*c.f. Psalm 14:1*).

II. v. 23: **The Sin of Idolatry**

When people reject God and His truth this always leads to a replacement of Him! KJV - **incorruptible**, NIV - **immortal**. The word translated literally means "no corruption or not corruptible". Unlike our physical bodies God is not subject to aging, decaying or corruption.

*Practical Applications:*

1. **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Thankfulness:** \_\_\_\_\_