The Book of Romans, Lesson 10, Romans 1:18-32, "Failing to Acknowledge God, Part 1"

₩	God has all power, power to reveal or conceal Himself; even we have this power to a certain degree. We can hide ourselves or reveal ourselves through many avenues. God has chosen to reveal Himself through two avenues to every person on the planet, these are obvious to every class of people from the aboriginal to the nuclear scientist. God has chosen to further reveal Himself over time, but two things were original, and they have held their testimony since the dawn of time. These two are enough knowledge to render everyone without excuse for knowing that there is a God.

God has chosen to reveal Himself through nature; Psalm 19:1; Acts 14:17.

- ✓ It's not been until nearly modern times that is has been discovered that we live in a vast galaxy that is 150,000 light years across, and that there are multiple galaxies out there in addition to ours. We have also discovered in more recent times the atom which contains incredible power and makes up every material thing in the universe.
- ✓ People look and vastness and tininess of the design and say, "wow", but they do not seek the God who made all these things. Everything with a design speaks of its designer and yet with the enormous design all around us does not cause people to seek God. Why? The entire universe is a witness against them. This is why an atheist (no god) is the most foolish person alive. The word for fool is the Hebrew word nabal, Psalm 14:1. It means a scornful, boastful fool, not just foolishly acting but arrogant about it Nabal was the name of a man who opposed David and whose wife was named Abigail. All the real evidence is against them. A flood of Judgment is coming, and the world is without excuse for not knowing God. They run but it is not out of ignorance. It is a determination to not see the God who by nature has eternal power behind everything that is.
- ✓ It is not that God hasn't revealed Himself, but when we refuse the first light of the truth we have a much harder time seeing greater light. Why does John have to tell the world that the Light of World is present?, John 1:1-10. Shouldn't they know it? They would had they followed the light that had already been given to them.

2. When we don't respond appropriately to the light given to us, this is what happens to us and our culture: Romans 1:21-32.

✓ Ever increasing darkness is the punishment: first just a failure to acknowledge God leads to wrong thinking, then wrong believing, then wrong acting, then no knowledge of God at all. The judgment against us that God gives us over to what we want. We stopped acknowledging God as creator, so we became fools and worshipped ourselves and our knowledge.

Idolatry is always linked to immorality, so next we became immoral involving ourselve heterosexually and homosexually. This then leads to the final stage: the reprobate the file called God has been deleted. Reprobate literally means infertile, nothing graphitual moron. No regard for right or wrong; no morals or scruples. This ends as the flood in Genesis 6:5.	mind, where ows there, a