

# Suppressing Truth

- A decision made by those who know ... but don't want to know or remember.
- *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. Rom. 1:18-19*

# Cain Suppressed Truth

- Then Cain **went out from the presence of the Lord** and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. Gen. 4:16
- **Can't live out of the presence of the Lord!**
- in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though **He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being,** Acts 17:27-28
- **Or where can I flee from Your presence?** 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my **bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.** 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And  **dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,** 10 **Even there Your hand shall lead me,** Ps. 139:7-12
- God didn't reveal what Cain did, but since leaving God's presence is a state of mind ... something was introduced.

# Can't Suppress Truth without a Lie

- You can't suppress the truth without a substitution (a lie)!
- *because, although **they knew God**, they **did not glorify Him as God**, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*  
22 *Professing to be wise, they became fools,* 23 *and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into **an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*** Rom 1:21-23
- First, those in the forefront go through the process.
- Later, these find the means to slowly move the rest away.

# Suppression of Choice

- *The idols of the nations are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. 16 They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; 17 They have ears, but they do not hear; Nor is there any breath in their mouths. 18 Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them. Ps 135:15-18*
- You can't suppress the truth without a substitution!
- Those who want to be blind find the means to suppress the light and lead others into darkness.
- *The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts. Ps. 10:4*

# Suppression of Choice

- *The idols of the nations are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. Ps 135:15*
- An idol is a perfect blank page.
- You can make one out of anything you desire
- Then serve it with anything you desire to do.
- Each idol represented the desires of that nation
- Violence ...
- Greed ...
- War ...
- Sexual Desires ...
- Infant Sacrifice ...

# Realm of spiritual atrophy for a Christian

- *because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful*
- We can call this the twilight.
- The place where one can move back into the light or further into the darkness.
- *but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*
- Gratitude is fading ... His glory is diminished ... it is getting harder and harder to see and hear Him.
- This is the realm of spiritual atrophy for the Christian.

# A Grave Peril

- *because, although (1) they knew God, they (2) did not glorify Him as God, (3) nor were thankful.*
- This doesn't happen overnight.
- If we are watching we can see the very beginnings of it.
- Worship becomes stale ... No longer emotional.
- Prayers become sterile ... Just words ... Gratitude fading
- Still in the light ... but the darkness is approaching.
- *but (4) became futile in their thoughts, and their (5) foolish hearts were darkened.*
- Gratitude gone ... His glory forgotten ...
- Old lusts stir...



# Our Idols: Big Bang ... Evolution...

## The idol is Ourselves

- Nothing above us... only sky ...
- We did not suppress the truth with an idol.
- Science calls it Nature.
- “Nature *-personification of natural facts / forces.*
- We do not worship or serve Nature.
- *We worship and serve the creature ...*
- But the creature each serves today is Self.
- Narcissism = There is nothing but me ... no one else and nothing else matters but my desires



# The Impact on Authority

- *Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." 1Cor 15:33-34*
- The nature of the corruption is based on the company we keep.
- The corruption today from the home, schools, churches, and government, centers on authority
- *Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Eccl 8:11-12*
- It is terrifying to see how quickly things are moving in this direction.

# Protecting Ourselves

- *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. Ps. 19:1-4*
- Sincerely glorify Him as God
- Be thankful for everything

# A Passage to Remember

- Emotions and responses affect everything.
- When we give thanks like this ... It can never happen:
- *Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps 103:1-5*

# Stay focused on these things

- *giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Eph. 5:20*
- *Therefore by Him **let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.** Heb. 13:15*
- Don't underestimate the power of sincere worship and gratitude.
- When they begin to fade ... We are in Grave Danger.
- This is the heart of the evil companionship we face today.