

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Non-Christians become mindless by their unworshipful and unthankful thinking toward God.

Sermon Point: *Give Thanks to God to Stay Sane and Humane.*

Move 1: The thankless are given up by God Who should be thanked.

“were rendered”, “was darkened” both passive tense (being done to them). So Vss. 24, 26, 28. Cause of the Flood: *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually* (Gen 6:5). So God washed the earth of them.

Move 2: The thankless become mindless and lessen in their humanness.

They were realizing God, but were rendered futile/worthless in their reasoning (*dialogismois*). Their heart (mind) was darkened without understanding. So vss. 22, 28, 30-31. See Ephesians 4:17-20. This explains the insane acts of people in the world. Mindlessness turns into wildness: vss. 26-27, 29-32.

Move 3: The root of mindless, inhuman living is a lack of Christian worship and thanksgiving.

They would not glorify God as God (credit Him as Creator, magnify Him in praise). They would not give thanks (render gratitude for Him as Provider). Vss. 18-20, 25, 28b, 30 (haters of God). Take heed to Luke 17:12-19. Eph. 5:3-4: the giving of thanks is the remedy against all kinds of sins (and thus being ungrateful is the cause, or at least a major catalyst, of such sins (G. Scipione). Colossians 3:15 *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

Conclusion:

Context: all driving to Rom. 3:23. Be thankful it no longer describes you in Christ. Keep it that way.

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