

Sermon Series: Romans

Sermon Text: Romans 1:25 Theology, Doxology, and Eternal Blessedness

Solid theology promotes sound worship for the enjoyment of the Blessed God.

1) Solid theology can only be learned from God.

- a) “the truth of God”—Biblical Theology
 - i) Genitive of Source—“truth from God”
 - ii) Genitive of Reference—“truth with reference to God”
 - iii) Both refer to the revelation of God in vv. 18-20.
 - iv) Allusions to Psalm 106:12 and Jeremiah 2:11; general (creation) and special (Scripture) revelation
- b) “the lie”—Worldly-wise Theology (cf. 1:18, 21-22)
- c) **Application:**
 - i) Everyone is a “theologian.” Will you be a good one?
 - ii) Suggested Theological Reading:
 - (1) Daily Bible Reading and Meditation: Torah, Isaiah, John, Romans
 - (2) Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms
 - (3) Book Table
 - (4) Louis Berkhof’s *Systematic Theology*; Joel Beeke and Paul Smalley *Reformed Systematic Theology*
 - iii) Everyone has a worldview. Will it be a true one?
 - iv) Suggested Worldview Reading:
 - (1) Daily Bible Reading and Meditation: Torah, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Matthew, James, Revelation
 - (2) Ronald Nash’s *Worldviews in Conflict*

2) Solid theology promotes sound worship.

- a) “worshiped and served the creature”—idolatry (cf. 1:23)
 - i) “worshiped”—reverence of heart
 - ii) “served”—priestly service
- b) “rather than the Creator”—Biblical Doxology
 - i) “worshiped”—reverence for God
 - ii) “served”—priestly service to God
- c) **Application:**
 - i) Everyone is a worshiper. Will you worship the True God in Truth?
 - ii) Suggested Worship Reading:
 - (1) Daily Bible Reading and Meditation: Psalms
 - (2) *Give Praise to God: A Vision for Reforming Worship*, edited by Philip Graham Ryken, Derek Thomas, and Ligon Duncan

3) Sound worship enters the blessedness of God.

- a) “Who is blessed forever! Amen.”—The eternal blessedness of God
- b) God’s Triune Blessedness
- c) Our Blessedness in God
- d) **Application:**
 - i) Eternal sorrow in false gods
 - ii) Eternal blessedness with the True God

Doxology: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. (Psalm 96:2-6)