

2026-03-11 Points

Title: Knowing God Through Creation and Conscience: The Danger of Departing from Truth

Sermon Summary:

This sermon explores humanity's search for God through the lens of Job and Romans, emphasizing that God reveals Himself through creation and conscience. The pastor challenges believers to examine how they describe and glorify God, warning against the progressive descent into depravity that occurs when people suppress truth and fail to give God glory and thanks. The message stresses that while God is compassionate and gracious, He allows people to experience the consequences of rejecting Him. Believers are called to continually renew their minds through Scripture, maintain gratitude, and remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit's conviction rather than becoming desensitized by culture.

Key Points:

- God displays Himself through creation so that all people are without excuse in knowing He exists
- Knowing God requires more than intellectual acknowledgment; it demands glorifying Him and giving Him thanks
- The progression of sin begins when people fail to glorify God and give thanks, leading to futile thinking and darkened hearts
- Worshiping created things rather than the Creator leads to sexual immorality, depravity, and eventually a complete loss of conscience
- God "gives people over" to their sinful desires when they persistently reject Him, allowing them to experience the full consequences of their choices
- Believers must guard against becoming desensitized to sin and must continually examine whether they are glorifying God
- The importance of seeking God through His Word rather than relying on personal feelings, cultural opinions, or human reasoning
- God can still speak and work powerfully today, as evidenced by testimonies of conversions even in hostile environments
- Communion serves as a regular reminder to prevent forgetting God's sacrifice and our need for continual renewal

Scripture Reference:

- Job 36:14-37:24 (Elihu's discourse on God's power displayed in creation and weather)
- Romans 1:18-32 (God's wrath revealed against ungodliness; the progression from rejecting God to depravity)
- Matthew 24 (reference to end times lawlessness)
- John 17 (mentioned as the pastor's favorite prayer of Jesus)

Stories:

- The pastor's childhood experience with farm cats and learning about nature from his father
- Personal reflection on his first car being a Mercury Cougar, connecting to the worship of created things
- Growing up on a farm and observing cattle turning their backs to approaching storms
- The prodigal son parable referenced as an example of coming to awareness of how good we have it with God
- John's testimony about an Iranian man in the United States who visited a friend's house, where the wife had received a vision from God that morning showing this exact man would come to share Jesus with them
- The broader account of conversions happening in Iran despite persecution, including people believing in Jesus even while facing death for their faith