

**"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan****ROMANS 2****Romans 2**

The Apostle Paul follows through on the Biblical reasoning that comes from a solid apology (defense) that he has explained in Romans 1 concerning the reality that the entire world knows there is a God, a Creator, someone who is greater than they are that brought everything, including them into being.

**"Therefore..."** you and I are inexcusable before the God of heaven and earth. We are guilty of both an inward, subjective reality and an external, objective reality.

Every person on earth has an intuitive knowledge that there is a God. As soon as we are capable of knowing, we know. As soon as we can observe the heavens and the rhythms and cycles of the earth, the sun, the moon, and the plant and animal life around us, we know there is a God who made us, who is greater than us. It is then that we make a deliberate choice to either embrace or reject what we know to be true.

Paul says, **"We are inexcusable."** The lifestyle of unspeakable ungodly behaviors that are recited in Romans 1 happens because of choices people make. Those who make those choices will live with the consequences of those choices. There is no blaming someone else because they did not do what they should have done or acted in another way than we would have acted. Each one of us is accountable for our own

choices. Because God does not strike us down immediately does not mean that God does not care about what we do; rather, God is longsuffering, seeking to give everyone an opportunity to witness the goodness and love of God to all men. He does not have to do this. He does not owe us anything, any of us, not one. God is good to each of us to show us His general gracious nature and acts.

***"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who "will render to each one according to his deeds": eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness— indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God."***

(Romans 2:4-11)

**Prayer and Action Steps**

*Every man and woman will give an account to God for our choices. We will give an account for our attitude toward God and our actions against God. The Father is so gracious to us by allowing us to experience His goodness toward us, desiring each of us to bow before Him and acknowledge Him as our Creator and our God. Please do not despise God's goodness toward you. Turn to Him with your whole heart.*