## Unbeliever Reversionism, Rom 1:23-28; The AIDS Connection: Homosexuals Produce Acts that Earn Due Payment Back within Themselves, v. 27

**Romans 1:23 -** and they exchanged the essence of the incorruptible God **[mental idolatry]** for an image in the form of corruptible mankind, and birds, and quadrupeds, and reptiles **[ overt idolatry ]**.

**v. 24** - Therefore, God delivered them over in the lusts of their streams of consciousness to an immoral status that their bodies might be degraded among themselves.

**v. 25** - They exchanged the truth of God **[ the divine institution of marriage between one man and one woman ]** for the lie **[ sexual perversion ]**, they who, to their disadvantage, both openly worship and willingly serve the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen.

**v. 26** - For this reason God delivered them over to their dishonorable passions, for not only did the females exchange normal sexual relations for that which is abnormal

**v. 27** - but also in the same manner, even the males, after they abandoned the normal sexual relation of the female, became inflamed with sexual desire in their lust toward each other, namely, males associated with males, thus accomplishing perverted behavior and receiving payment [ $\dot{\alpha}\pi\sigma\lambda\alpha\mu\beta\dot{\alpha}\nu\omega$ , *apolambanō*] back within themselves the due penalty of their perversion which was inevitable.

**v. 28** - And since while in full knowledge they rejected having God, God delivered them over to a worthless mind to commit evil things which are improper.

- 1. What I am about to relate to you is biblically correct but politically incorrect. We could exegete this entire passage in Romans 1 but we have enough information in the expanded translation to get the idea.
- 2. There is one important point however that exegesis makes clear and needs to be addressed while we are here. It is stated that after homosexuals accomplish "perverted behavior" they make themselves vulnerable to divine judgment of their behavior.
- 3. Personal discipline for collective reversionism is manifest in the five cycles of national discipline. The first cycle introduces disease to the population (Leviticus 26:16).
- 4. If this contagion is not recognized as divine warning for correction of behavior then by the fourth cycle the contagion will have advanced to epidemic proportions (Leviticus 26:25).
- 5. Romans 1 addresses the part that sodomy plays in this specific difficulty associated with national discipline. If the law of volitional responsibility does not correct the problem, then the discipline advances toward judgment for the unbeliever and the sin unto death for the believer.
- 6. What we are about to discover, is that the continuing practice of sodomy as well as the general population's approval and acceptance of it indicates that should we move into the fourth cycle, the problems of HIV and AIDS could become pandemic.
- 7. This is not to suggest that these diseases will become a threat to monogamous, heterosexual individuals. These diseases find their origin within the homosexual population.

- 8. Marriage is the divinely designed environment that protects the heterosexual population from this threat.
- 9. Those who practice homosexuality are the ones who challenge the justice of God. This become obvious with the present active participle from the verb:

**ἀπολαμβάνω**, **apolambanō** - "to receive from another that which is due"

- present: Perfective; denotes that which has come to be in the past but is emphasized as a present reality. The perfective also stresses the continuation of existing results.
- active: The homosexual produces the action of receiving back within himself judgment from the justice of God.
- participle: Circumstantial; indicates that the circumstances in question—the decisions to become engaged in perverted behavior—causes one to receive this payback.
- 10. God has always judged homosexual behavior and such individuals will always receive back that which is due them for it.
- 11. The prepositional phrase that follows brings the scourge of HIV and AIDS into focus as the "due payment" in the twenty-first century. It is the preposition:

**ἐv, en -** plus the locative of place from the pronoun:

έαυτός, *heautos* - "within themselves"

- 12. First of all let's note the active voice of **apolambano**. This verb is properly translated, "receiving payment back within themselves" or "to receive back within themselves due payment."
- 13. At first glance we might assume that this verb should be in the passive voice since in the passive the subject receives the action of the verb.
- 14. But this is not the case. It is the active voice which means the subject produces the action of the verb. The homosexual produces the action that causes him to receive a payment which is due.
- 15. The action is the volitional decision to engage in sodomy and this action carries with it a payback which has always existed although it is expressed in different ways in various generations of history.
- 16. When a person works at a job he receives a paycheck. He produces the actions which result in receiving pay. The world hasn't been treating him, he works for what he gets: a fair day's wage for a full day's work.
- 17. In our context, the homosexual earns what he gets: illness, disease, and contagion. It is the fulfillment of the warning in:

Hosea 8:7a - They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind.

- 18. They sow the wind in verse 24 when they chose to degrade their bodies among themselves. They reap the whirlwind in verse 27 when they "receive payment back within themselves for their perversion." This is Operation Boomerang.
- 19. This payment is imputed to the same location the work was accomplished: back within themselves. This payment is described next by the accusative singular direct object from:

ἀντιμισθία, antimisthia something accomplished." "that which is justly deserved in payment for

This refers to retribution, penalty, and judgment for the production of prohibited behavior.

20. The behavior for which this payment has become due is described next by the feminine genitive singular of the noun:

πλάνη, planē - "of their perversion"

- 21. This perversion is put in the feminine gender to emphasize the error of improper submissiveness. Women submit to men in sex. Men do not submit to men in sex. The inversion of thought in this regard is emphasized by the feminine use of the noun "perversion."
- 22. The verse ends with the prepositional phrase:

őς, *hos* - plus the imperfect active indicative of the verb:

- **δεî, dei -** "which was inevitable"
- imperfect: Customary; indicates what regularly takes place in past time whenever unrestrained homosexuality occurs: *antimisthia*, justly deserved payment for a thing accomplished.

What was accomplished was perverted behavior which brought about an inevitable payment back within themselves.

- active: Homosexuals produce the action of the verb which is the inevitable payment for this action. Sodomy will inevitably result in punishment, examples of which are HIV and AIDS.
- indicative: Declarative; a statement of biblical and historical fact.
- 32. What this verse does is issue a very straightforward warning to those who are involved in or contemplating a lifestyle characterized by sodomy: it will earn for them an inevitable payment that they will receive back within themselves leading to their destruction.
- 33. This lifestyle is not hereditary but rather a personal choice. However, those who have justified this behavior as genetically fixed assert it is not only natural but unavoidable.
- 34. If one becomes convinced that he has no choice in the matter then recovery from this unfortunate violation of divine policy and natural law will not be sought, in fact, he will assume no recovery is necessary.
- 35. Passages such as Genesis 19, Judges 19, Leviticus, 18:22; 20:13; Deuteronomy 23:18; 1 Corinthians 6:9; and 1 Timothy 1:10 provide biblical proof that homosexual relationships and the act of sodomy are sins.