



ROMANS

The Greatest Letter Ever
Written!

Ro 3:9–10 “Both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written, ‘there is none righteous, not even one.’”

V20 “so they are without excuse”

Rom 1:21-23

“For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.”

Is 48:9-11 “For my name’s sake I defer my anger, for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.”

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The Dark Exchange – Idolatry Futile Thinking

V21 “Even though they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their thinking.”



Dan 4:30 “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power”!

V33 “he was driven from among men, and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles’ feathers, and his nails were like birds’ claws”.

V34 “At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven [that is, to God], and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored him who lives forever”.

The Dark Exchange – Idolatry Darkness of Heart

V21 “They became futile in their thinking, and their foolish heart was darkened.”

Matt 6:22 “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light

2 Cor 4:6 “God, who said, ‘Light shall shine out of darkness,’ is the one who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”



The Dark Exchange – Idolatry Feels Wise

V22

“Claiming to be wise, they became
fools.”

The Dark Exchange – Idolatry Is Foolish Even If It Looks Wise

V22

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V23

In their folly they “exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man.”



The Dark Exchange - Idolatry