

ROMANS Lesson 4

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FIRST DAY

Read the Lesson 3 Notes

SECOND DAY

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QUESTION 3A

Romans 2:6-29

^[6] He **will reward each one according to his works:** ^[7] eternal life to those who by perseverance in good works seek glory and honor and immortality, ^[8] but wrath and anger to those who live in selfish ambition and do not obey the truth but follow unrighteousness. ^[9] There will be affliction and distress on everyone who does evil, on the Jew first and also the Greek, ^[10] but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, for the Jew first and also the Greek. ^[11] For there is no partiality with God. ^[12] For all who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ^[13] For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous before God, but those who do the law will be declared righteous. ^[14] For whenever the Gentiles, who do not have the law, do

by nature the things required by the law, these who do not have the law are a law to themselves. ^[15] They show that the work of the law is written in their hearts, as their conscience bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or else defend them, ^[16] on the day when God will judge the secrets of human hearts, according to my gospel through Christ Jesus.

^[17] But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast of your relationship to God ^[18] and know his will and approve the superior things because you receive instruction from the law, ^[19] and if you are convinced that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ^[20] an educator of the senseless, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the essential features of knowledge and of the truth— ^[21] therefore you who teach someone else, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? ^[22] You who tell others not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ^[23] You who boast in the law dishonor God by transgressing the law! ^[24] For just as it is written, "**the name of God is being blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.**"

^[25] For circumcision has its value if you practice the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. ^[26] Therefore if the uncircumcised man obeys the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ^[27] And the physically uncircumcised man, by keeping the law, will judge you to be the transgressor of the law, even though you have the letter and circumcision! ^[28] For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision something that is outward in the flesh, ^[29] but someone is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart by the Spirit and not by the letter. This person's praise is not from people but from God. (NET)

QUESTION 4

Genesis 12:1-7

[1] Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go out from your country, your relatives, and your father’s household to the land that I will show you.

[2] Then I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and I will make your name great, so that you will exemplify divine blessing.

[3] I will bless those who bless you, but the one who treats you lightly I must curse, so that all the families of the earth may receive blessing through you.”

[4] So Abram left, just as the Lord had told him to do, and Lot went with him. (Now Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran.) [5] And Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they left for the land of Canaan. They entered the land of Canaan.

[6] Abram traveled through the land as far as the oak tree of Moreh at Shechem. (At that time the Canaanites were in the land.) [7] The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. (NET)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[15] “Look! I have set before you today life and prosperity on the one hand, and death and disaster on the other. [16] What I am commanding you today is to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to obey his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and become numerous and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are about to possess. [17] However, if you turn aside and do not obey, but are lured away to worship and serve other gods, [18] I declare to you this very day that you will certainly perish! You will not extend your time in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess. [19] Today I invoke heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set life and death, blessing and curse, before you. Therefore choose life so that you and your

descendants may live! [20] I also call on you to love the Lord your God, to obey him and be loyal to him, for he gives you life and enables you to live continually in the land the Lord promised to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” (NET)

Jeremiah 31:35-37

[35] The Lord has made a promise to Israel. He promises it as the one who fixed the sun to give light by day and the moon and stars to give light by night. He promises it as the one who stirs up the sea so that its waves roll. His name is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

[36] The Lord affirms, “The descendants of Israel will not cease forever to be a nation in my sight. That could only happen if the fixed ordering of the heavenly lights were to cease to operate before me.”

[37] The Lord says, “I will not reject all the descendants of Israel because of all that they have done. That could only happen if the heavens above could be measured or the foundations of the earth below could all be explored,” says the Lord. (NET)

THIRD DAY

Read Romans 3:5-8

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[5] But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is he? (I am speaking in human terms.) [6] Absolutely not! For otherwise how could God judge the world? [7] For if by my lie the truth of God enhances his glory, why am I still actually being judged as a sinner? [8] And why not say, “Let us do evil so that good may come of it”?—as some who slander us allege that we say. (Their condemnation is deserved!) (NET)

QUESTION 6B

Romans 1:18-32

[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth by their

unrighteousness,^[19] because what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.^[20] For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen because they are understood through what has been made. So people are without excuse.^[21] For although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or give him thanks, but they became futile in their thoughts, and their senseless hearts were darkened.^[22] Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools^[23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for an image resembling mortal human beings or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

^[24] Therefore God gave them over in the desires of their hearts to impurity, to dishonor their bodies among themselves.^[25] They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

^[26] For this reason God gave them over to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged the natural sexual relations for unnatural ones,^[27] and likewise the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed in their passions for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

^[28] And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what should not be done.^[29] They are filled with every kind of unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice. They are rife with envy, murder, strife, deceit, hostility. They are gossips,^[30] slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, contrivers of all sorts of evil, disobedient to parents,^[31] senseless, covenant-breakers, heartless, ruthless.^[32] Although they fully know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but also approve of those who practice them. (NET)

Romans 2:1-5

^[1] Therefore you are without excuse, whoever you are, when you judge someone else. For on whatever

grounds you judge another, you condemn yourself, because you who judge practice the same things.^[2] Now we know that God's judgment is in accordance with truth against those who practice such things.^[3] And do you think, whoever you are, when you judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself, that you will escape God's judgment?^[4] Or do you have contempt for the wealth of his kindness, forbearance, and patience, and yet do not know that God's kindness leads you to repentance?^[5] But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourselves in the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment is revealed! (NET)

QUESTION 7A

Luke 6:46

^[46] "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do what I tell you? (NET)

FOURTH DAY

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^[9] What then? Are we better off? Certainly not, for we have already charged that Jews and Greeks alike are all under sin,

^[10] just as it is written: "**There is no one righteous, not even one;**

^[11] **there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.**

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QUESTION 9A

Psalms 14:1-3

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QUESTION 9B

James 3:5-10

^[5] So, too, the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it has great pretensions. Think how small a flame sets a huge forest ablaze. ^[6] And the tongue is a fire! The tongue represents the world of wrongdoing among the parts of our bodies. It pollutes the entire body and sets fire to the course of human existence—and is set on fire by hell.

^[7] For every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and sea creature is subdued and has been subdued by humankind. ^[8] But no human being can subdue the tongue; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ^[9]

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people made in God’s image. ^[10] From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. These things should not be so, my brothers and sisters. (NET)

Matthew 12:34-37

^[34] Offspring of vipers! How are you able to say anything good, since you are evil? For the mouth speaks from what fills the heart. ^[35] The good person brings good things out of his good treasury, and the evil person brings evil things out of his evil treasury. ^[36] I tell you that on the day of judgment, people will give an account for every worthless word they speak. ^[37] For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (NET)

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