

Perilous Times I (2023)

Perilous means exposure to the risk of being injured, destroyed, or lost.

Perilous times are dangerous times.

Perilous times are something that imperils or endangers.

Perilous times have definitions, descriptions, and sources.

What are some sources of perilous times?

^{NKJV} **Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of **God is manifested in them**, for **God has shown it to them**. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ **because, although they knew God**, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their **foolish** hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became **fools**,

Proverbs teach us...

^{KJV} **Proverbs 1:22** How long, ye **simple ones**, will ye love simplicity? and the **scorners** delight in their scorning, and **fools** hate knowledge?

- Simple ones are void of knowledge.
- Fools reject knowledge.
- Scorners' mock knowledge.

Dead men can't change!

Fools won't change!

- Wise men will change!

KJV Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

Wise men let knowledge change them.

Mankind in his fallenness changes the wrong things.

I

Mankind in his fallenness changes the glory.

NKJV Romans 1:23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man -- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. ²⁴ **Therefore God also gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

The glory of God is the total of all His character, attributes, and nature. The glory of God is the weight and renown of His person and the dignity of His person and all He is.

II

Mankind in his fallenness changes the truth of God.

NKJV Romans 1:25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions.

The truth of God is revealed in nature, by revelation and in His word. ***Romans 1:20, John 17:17***

III

Mankind in his fallenness changes the natural use principle.

NKJV Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain

God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² **who, knowing the righteous judgment of God**, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same **but also approve of those who practice them**.

KJV Romans 1 When mankind is away from God...

*He changes the glory - all God is

*He changes the truth - what is made known to them, to a lie

*He changes natural use of men and women - to what is unnatural

*(A sample list is given to show the results of these changes.)

*God judges the people that do these things without repentance

God judges those who take pleasure in it

God judges the last group. These are supporters of what is contrary to the glory, truth and natural order of God.

- When people choose to change His glory, truth, and natural order “God gives them up” or turns them over to their choices.

These changes also produce perilous times.

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