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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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When You Refuse God In Your Knowledge

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Man logically cannot say he lacks evidence for the existence of God. In fact God says he is “*without excuse*” in light of the existing Creation (*Romans 1:20*). God has also made Himself known through His revealed word, combining God’s spiritual thoughts with spiritual words (*1 Corinthians 2:13, 2 Timothy 3:16*).

Our problems begin, not due to the lack of evidence, or not knowing where to God to find God’s will, but with refusing to have God in our knowledge. Paul writes, “*And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting*” (*Romans 1:28*). An undiscerning or reprobate mind is the result of stubbornness on man’s part, not the lack of evidence on God’s part.

When man cuts off his connection from God and His word, all sorts of evil ensues. God gives man’s senseless heart up to practice all sorts of uncleanness. He gives the lustful heart up to vile passions. When the moorings

of God’s Word tightly binding us to righteousness and purity are cut, we are allowed to drift and experience all sorts of evil.

Paul identifies specifically one of those evils as homosexuality. “*God gave them up to vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness*” (*Romans 1:26-27*).

Think of the inroads this sin has made into being accepted in our society. This “sexual orientation” is now accepted as equal to one’s race. The “Don’t ask and don’t tell policy” has given way to accepting those in the military who don’t mind telling the world they are homosexuals. Marriage, defined and traditionally accepted as the sexual relationship between one man and one woman, is being redefined in one state after another to include the joining of two men or two women. The dominos are falling before our eyes knocking down one barrier after another

to our society’s acceptance of what is clearly defined in God’s word as unclean, against nature, and abominable (*Romans 1:24, 26-27, Leviticus 18:22*).

This week we have heard of another barrier ready to fall: the Boy Scouts of America. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld by a 5 to 4 decision in 2000 the right of a private organization such as the Boy Scouts of America to ban open homosexuals from their organization. In July of last year the organization reaffirmed their stance on this issue. But the chipping away continues. The New York Times leaked the willingness of the Boy Scouts to reconsider their stance against homosexual membership. The decision has been tabled till May.

If the Boy Scouts of America gives in and accept homosexuals, it will not be surprising. The only way to resist the onslaught of such evil is to have God in our knowledge. Our society has refused the knowledge of God for decades. It is now accepted in our military and marriage. Why not the Boy Scouts?