

questions or deliver him out of his deepest distresses. Only a living, caring God can do that! And modern man, with all of his vaunted knowledge and technology, has made no advance on this truth.

- (13) Ezekiel 28:1-10 "The word of the Lord came again to me saying, 'Son of man, say to the leader of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord God, 'Because your heart is lifted up And you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the heart of the seas'; Yet you are a man and not God, Although you make your heart like the heart of God-- Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; There is no secret that is a match for you. By your wisdom and understanding You have acquired riches for yourself, And have acquired gold and silver for your treasures. By your great wisdom, by your trade You have increased your riches, And your heart is lifted up because of your riches-- Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have made your heart Like the heart of God, Therefore, behold, I will bring strangers upon you, The most ruthless of the nations, And they will draw their swords Against the beauty of your wisdom And defile your splendor. They will bring you down to the pit, And you will die the death of those who are slain In the heart of the seas. Will you still say, 'I am a god,' In the presence of your slayer, Although you are a man and not God, In the hands of those who wound you? You will die the death of the uncircumcised By the hand of strangers, For I have spoken!' declares the Lord God!'"

The prince of Tyre proclaimed himself a god, self-sufficient in his own wisdom, wealth, and power. But the Lord says that He will destroy him by the hand of strangers; then the prince of Tyre will not boast of being a god!

- (14) Romans 1:18-32 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them."

Although unrighteous men are aware of God's existence and something of His nature, and are aware that those who practice evil things deserve God's wrath, nevertheless they suppress these truths and worship what they want to, and do what they want to, preferring to fulfill their desires and gratify their lusts.