moment it can be said of the unrighteous man that in the previous moment of his existence he <u>knew God</u> (as Creator), chose <u>not to glorify or thank Him</u>, <u>changed</u> <u>God's glory</u> into a corruptible idol-image, <u>changed the truth</u> into a lie, and <u>worshipped and served the creature</u> rather than the Creator. And it can be said of the unrighteous man that God has let him go his own way.

This interpretation, although complex, has the advantage of including both present and past tenses in the life of each individual human being. This process of succession of moments from present to past also occurs in the life of every human being in all time periods, so that the ongoing revelation that is being perceived is truly <u>general</u>. Thus this view refers to the experiential history of each unrighteous human being at each moment of his earthly existence.

- b. Biblical teaching concerning internal general revelation
  - (1) Psalm 94:1-9

Translation: (from the NASB)

O Lord, God of vengeance; God of vengeance, shine forth!

- 2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth;
- Render recompense to the proud.
- 3 How long shall the wicked, O Lord, How long shall the wicked exult?
- 4 They pour forth words, they speak arrogantly; All who do wickedness vaunt themselves.
- 5 They crush Thy people, O Lord, And afflict Thy heritage.
- 6 They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the orphans.
- 7 And they have said, 'The Lord does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed. '
- 8 Pay heed, you senseless among the people; And when will you understand, stupid ones?
- 9 He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?

## Commentary:

This passage speaks of the wicked exulting, crushing the Lord's people, killing the widows, strangers, and orphans, and then saying, "The Lord does not see it, nor pay heed." The psalmist calls upon his readers and listeners and singers to think, reason, reflect, and draw implications that bear on this foolish and reprehensible attitude of the wicked.