

**THE STATE OF THINGS**  
**Rom 1:18-32**  
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Big Idea: We need to understand the “bad news” in order to fully appreciate the “good news” of Jesus.

- **THE STATE OF THINGS POINT TO GOD (v19-20)**
  - The beauty of nature draws us; the fruit of nature sustains us; the majesty of nature makes us stand in awe—it all tells us God \_\_\_\_\_ and what He’s \_\_\_\_\_.  
v19, Ps 19:1
  - We all have no excuse because God’s given us enough to prompt us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. v20, Prov 8:17
- **OUR STATE OF MIND POINTS AWAY FROM GOD (v21-25)**
  - Turning away from God cuts us off from any \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of this world and our place in it. v21-23, Prov 28:26
  - Though mankind knows about God, he doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ to know God because man wants to \_\_\_\_\_ God. v24-25, Gen 3:5
- **RESPONSES TO THE STATE OF THINGS (v18, 26-32)**
  - God separates His feelings about the \_\_\_\_\_ from His feelings about the \_\_\_\_\_. v18, Jn 3:16
  - God helps us see how a life without Him seems \_\_\_\_\_ but is \_\_\_\_\_. v26-28, Matt 7:13
  - We need to realize the only thing that separates us from them is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to meet them where they are and be God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to lead them out.
- **Key Words:**
  - State
  - Sin
  - Response