

The Language of Fools

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There are basically two groups of people in this world. Do you know who they are? The wise and the foolish. The Bible says, “... the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness” (Prov. 15:2) and “A fool’s mouth is his destruction” (Prov. 18:7). This writing makes us aware of some things fools say:

1) **“There Is No God.”** Psalm 14:1 and 53:1 both report, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...” While some do not like to retain God in their knowledge (Rom. 1:28), the Bible holds up God as being in existence. The fourth word of the Bible is God — “In the beginning God...” (Gen. 1:1). “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork” (Ps. 19:1). Again the Psalmist said, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...” (Ps. 139:14). Paul preached that it is in God that “...we live, and move, and have our being...” (Acts 17:28). To say there is no

God is to speak the language of fools!

2) **“Curse God and Die.”** The story of Job cannot but touch our hearts. This righteous man suffered as none other. He lost his possessions, his children, and his health. Then his wife said unto him, “Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die” (Job 2:10). Remember Job’s response? “Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh...” (Job 2:11).

3) **“It Seems Right to Me.”** Many people just do whatever seems right to them. Do you know what the Scriptures say about such? “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes...” (Prov. 12:15). The period of the judges is summed up this way: “...every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judg. 17:6; 21:25). Proverbs 28:26 says, “He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool...” The wisdom books sets forth a good principle along this line:

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding” (Prov. 3:5).

4) **“Dad Doesn’t Know What He’s Talking About.”** Some young folks may discount what their parents say thinking dad is old and out of touch. The wise man said, “A fool despiseth his father’s instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent” (Prov. 15:5). Proverbs 13:1 teaches, “A wise son heareth his father’s instruction...” We would do well to learn and to practice, “Honour thy father and mother... That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Eph. 6:2-3).

5) **“I’m Going to Give You My Mind.”** Have you ever heard one, in a fit of anger, burst out with these words? You have to be careful with that for there may not be much to give! “Proverbs 29:11 says, “A fool uttereth all his mind...” And it doesn’t take long either!

6) **“Yackety-Yak.”**

Some go on and on and on and on, talking about trivial matters. The Scriptures teach, “...let thy words be few....and a fool’s voice is known (how is a fool’s voice known?) by multitude of words” (Eccl. 5:2-3). Again Ecclesiastes records, “A fool is also full of words...” (Eccl. 10:14). Don’t be like the Chinese fellow who is called, On Too Long!

7) **“Ah, Sin Really Isn’t That Bad!”** “Fools make a mock at sin...” (Prov. 14:9). Sin is no laughing matter! “For the wages of sin is death...” (Rom. 6:23). James wrote, “...and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (Jas. 1:15). That’s eternal separation from God in “...everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Mt. 25:41).

8) **“Take Thine Ease, Eat, Drink, and Be Merry.”** Luke 12 tells of one who,

when his ground brought forth plentifully, said, “What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow all my fruits? And he said, “This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry” (Lk. 12:17-19). Notice there is no mention of God or others in his plans. Remember what God said to him? “Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” (Lk. 12:20).

9) **“Give Us of Your Oil.”** The Lord told about ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13, five of them wise and five foolish. The “...foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them” (v. 3). “And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the

bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out” (Mt. 25:6-8). What a sad story that these foolish virgins, unprepared for the bridegroom’s coming, found the door shut, said, “Lord, Lord open to us” and he answered, “I know you not”! This stresses the need to be prepared for the Christ’s (v. 13), and no one can do that for us!

Fools make promises they do not keep as Ecclesiastes 5:4 says, “When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools...” Fools also think nothing about making false and damaging statements about others. “...he that uttereth a slander, is a fool” (Prov. 10:18). Don’t speak the language of fools!

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