

Biblical Fools

Luke 12:20

Introduction:

- A. Should never lightly or angrily call anyone a fool (Mt. 5:22).
- B. Can recognize a fool as God sees him. (cf. 1 Cor. 15:36).
- C. We want to study 4 fools, as God sees them, in this lesson:

Discussion:

- I. The Atheistic Fool. (Psa. 14:1).**
 - A. Looks at universe and declares it had no creator.
 - 1. Like saying a watch had no maker.
 - 2. Like saying an unabridged dictionary resulted from an explosion in a print shop.
 - B. Looks at man and declares that he had no creator -- but evolved.
 - 1. Thinks blind chance is most logical explanation for man's origin.
 - 2. Doesn't consider how illogical it is -- show how first pair would have come.
 - C. Looks at the Bible and denies its divine origin.
 - 1. Looks at nature of the Bible and declares it purely human production.
 - 2. Like finding 66 paintings from 40 artists forming on grand painting.
- II. The Disobedient Fool. (Matt. 7:26-27).**
 - A. Foolish to reject the means of salvation (Jas. 1:21,22)
 - B. Foolish to reject the means of God's blessings (Jas. 1:25)
- III. The Materialistic Fool. (Luke 12:16-20).**
 - A. Would probably be considered success by world.
 - B. But was considered a fool by Jesus.
 - 1. Not because he was rich and prosperous -- no hint of dishonesty.
 - 2. Not because he saved money.
 - 3. Because he left God out of his life.
 - 4. Because he thought he had a lease on life.
 - 5. Because he prepared only for this world. (cf. 1 Tim. 6:17-19).
 - 6. Because he looked to riches for security and happiness.
- IV. The Egotistical Fool (Rom. 1:22).**
 - A. The know-it-all
 - 1. Knows more than God.
 - 2. Knows more than wise counselors (cf. Prov. 12:15)
 - B. Naaman had to overcome his egotism to receive help (2 Kings 5).
- V. The Prating (Chattering) Fool (Prov 10:8; Ecc. 5:3)**
 - A. Prov. 10:19
 - B. Must give account of words (Matt 12:36,37).
- VI. The Meddling Fool (Prov. 20:3)**
 - A. Busybodies are wrong (2 Thess 3:11; 1 Tim 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:15)
 - B. Correcting sin in others is not meddling (Jas. 5:20; Gal. 6:1)
- VII. The Careless Fool (Matt. 25:1-13)**
 - A. Made some preparation, but not enough.
 - B. Foolish to neglect salvation (Heb. 2:3)
- VIII. The Apostate Fool. (Gal. 3:1)**
 - A. He is worse than before. (2 Pet. 2:20-22).
 - B. He faces a terrible future. (Heb. 10:26-32; cf. Heb. 2:1-3).
 - C. He forfeits eternal salvation. (Rev. 2:10).

Conclusion:

- A. Don't be a fool: Believe in God, obey God, remain faithful, prepare for heaven.
- B. The smartest thing you can do today is to obey the gospel.