

“Fools According to God”

Matt. 7:22-27

Introduction

- I. When God defines something, man should do his diligence to understand such.
- II. In the Bible, God has given us evidence when it comes to identifying those who are foolish (cf. Matt. 5:22).
- III. Seventy three times, in sixty nine verses, God describes one who is a fool, and we should make sure that we are not one.

Discussion

- I. One who denies God's existence is called a fool (Psm. 14:1).
 - A. He is foolish because he denies the abundance of evidence that God exists (Rom. 1:20; Psm. 19:1-3; 139:14).
 - B. On Judgment Day, there will be no atheists (Phil. 2:9-11; Rom. 14:11-12).
- II. One who trusts in his own heart is called a fool (Prov. 28:26).
 - A. He is foolish because the heart is deceitful (Jer. 17:9).
 - B. Naaman is an example of a man trusting his own heart over God's commands (2 Kings 5:1, 10-12).
 - C. We must be careful to say things like “God knows my heart” because our hearts can be wrong (Prov. 3:5-7; 4:23; Mark 16:16).
- III. One who trusts in his riches is called a fool (Luke 12:15-21).
 - A. He is foolish because he put trust in things that will not endure (James 4:13-17; 2 Pet. 3:9-12).
 - B. We should all heed the God's warnings about trusting in riches (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

Conclusion

- I. In a way, we must all become “fools” in order to make it to Heaven (1 Cor. 3:18-19; 1:18-29).
- II. Which would you rather be, a fool according to God, or a “fool” according to the world?