

PLAYING THE FOOL

INTRODUCTION

- A. **1st Samuel 26:21**
In seeking the life of David, Saul “*played the fool.*”
- B. In what other ways might one play the fool?

I. TO SAY THERE IS NO GOD

- A. **Psalm 14:1/53:1**
Foolishness is the only way to describe atheism.
- B. **Psalm 19:1; Hebrews 3:4; Acts 17:24-29**
The evidence for God’s existence is overwhelming.
- C. **Psalm 10:4**
It is wickedness to ignore God.

II. TO MAKE PLANS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR ETERNITY

- A. **Luke 12:16-21**
To build up prosperity without thought of mortality is foolishness.
- B. **James 4:13-16**
It is boastful arrogance to make plans for the future without regard for the fact that life may end sooner.

III. TO ESTABLISH ONESELF AS A MORAL STANDARD

- A. **Proverbs 12:15; 28:26**
Only a fool never thinks he could be wrong.
- B. **Romans 10:1-3**
People who are zealous but ignorant will choose their own righteousness and disobey God in the process.
- C. **Jeremiah 10:23; Isaiah 55:8-9**

It is not possible for a man to successfully chart his own path spiritually because God is supreme.

D. Judges 17:6; 21:25

The downfall of nations, and the ruin of every man, is contained in this statement: *"Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."*

E. On the other hand, the attitude of the wise is to pursue God's will:

1. Romans 4:3

"...what does the Scripture say?"

2. 1st Samuel 3:10

"Speak, for your servant hears."

3. Acts 10:33

"We are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded... by God."

IV. TO MOCK AT SIN

A. Proverbs 14:9; 1st Peter 5:8

1. When I think of mocking at sin, I think of watching moral degenerates made to look like idiots on TV, like on the Jerry Springer Show, The Simpsons, or South Park, or just laughing at drunken people.

2. The real idea of mocking at sin is deceiving oneself into thinking that he isn't susceptible.

B. Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23; James 1:14-15

The consequences of sin are severe.

CONCLUSION

A. Matthew 25:1-13

Are you a fool or are you ready for God to come?

B. Matthew 7:21-27

Are you a fool or are you building a solid foundation?