

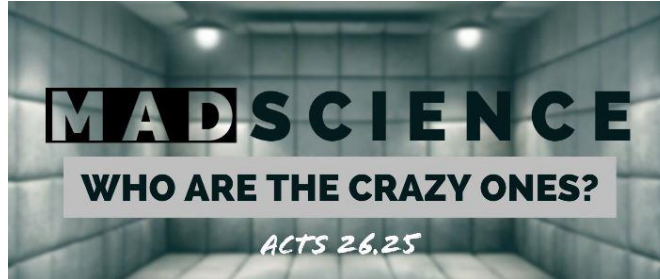
Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Next Book: Judges – verse by verse

Scripture(s) for Today: Acts 26:24-25; 1 Timothy 6:20 – Oppositions of science falsely so called

Today's Message:

"Mad Science"



INTRODUCTION

Before we begin our new journey through the book of Judges, we need to take a few weeks to consider what is going on in our world right now. We know God's church is the way that He has chosen to rescue souls from perishing. It is evident that perilous times have come! God's words are being trampled in the streets, and smooth-talking fools are driving God's church to retreat and _____. We need help from God, and today we are going to get it from two key passages in the Scriptures. First, when Paul was testifying before king Agrippa, he was accused by Festus of being _____! Can you imagine? Can you relate? Second, in Paul's 1st letter to Timothy, he exhorted him to avoid oppositions of _____ falsely so called – it was _____ science, but the adversaries were _____ it science. That sure sounds familiar!

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Acts 26:24-25; 1 Timothy 6:20

#1. The Pattern – Paul was called a _____ man for preaching God's truth.

- **Paul was granted an open door by God, and he was _____ to speak the truth!**
 - ✓ He was on his way to Rome and preaching every opportunity given him. **Acts 26**
 - He was **happy to give an answer** to lost people for Christ's sake. **26:1-2; 1 Pet 3:15**
 - He was **excited to share his personal testimony** before a lost world. **26:12-16**
 - He was **preaching repentance and faith** in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. **26:17-21**
 - He was **preaching the resurrection of Christ** and the Hope of Israel. **26:22-23**
- **Festus interrupted with a loud voice and called Paul a mad, _____ man!**
 - ✓ Paul did not allow an ignorant, loud, rude, profane man to distinguish the truth.
 - **Festus said, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth **make thee MAD**."**
 - **Paul said, "I am **NOT MAD**, most noble Festus."** **1 Sam 21:13; Lk 8:26-35; 1Pet 3:9**
 - **Paul said, "But speak forth the words of truth and soberness."** **Jn 8:49; Titus 1:9; 2:8**
 - Paul then proceeded with his preaching to the **CONSCIENCE** of his audience! **Jn 1:9**

W1828: "mad"
Disordered in intellect

NOTE Welcome to America! The land of the free who are in bondage to Satan's devices!

#2. The Problem – Paul said the opposition to God's truth uses _____ science!

- **The word "science" is only found _____ times in the King James Bible.**

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W1828: "skillful"
Knowing; well versed;
as a physician

W1828: "cunning"
Skillful; well-instructed;
acquired by experience

W1828: "science"
The comprehension or
understanding of truth
or facts by the mind

W1828: "oppositions"
Attempts to restrain
or defeat; contrariety

- ✓ **Daniel 1:4** says the best of God’s young people had these characteristics:
 - Children in whom was **no blemish, but well favoured** **2Pet 3:14; Rev 1:6**
 - **Skillful in all WISDOM** (The right use or exercise of knowledge) **1Cor 1:30**
 - **Cunning in KNOWLEDGE** (A clear and certain perception of truth) **2Tim 2:2**
 - **Understanding SCIENCE** (The science of God must be perfect!) **1Cor 2:16**
 - Such as **had ability in them to STAND in the king’s palace!** **Acts 5:20**
 - The ____ plan was to **teach them the learning and tongue of the Chaldeans!**
 - The learning they **taught** was different from God’s method. **Isa 55:6-9**
 - The learning they **taught** would desecrate the word of God. **Deut 6; Jer5:1**
 - The students would **speak differently when school was done.** **Neh 13:24**
- ✓ **1 Timothy 6:20** says there was something being called “science” that was a fraud.
 - **OPPOSITIONS** Found ____ time in the **KJV.** Greek word: “*anti-thesis*”
 - **SCIENCE** ____ modern versions **removed**; “*knowledge*” **Dan 1:4**
 - **FALSELY SO CALLED** It is **not** ____ science! Greek word: “*pseudonymos*”

NOTE It is evident from the Bible that God differentiates between knowledge and SCIENCE.

#3. The Plea – Paul’s passionate word to Timothy was to ____ this madness!

➤ **The faithful disciple of Jesus Christ ...**

W1828: "avoid"
To shun; to keep at
a distance from

W1828: "babbling"
Foolish talk

- ✓ **Must** be ____ the learning and speech of God. **Neh 8:8; Eph 3:21; 4:11-16**
- ✓ **Must** ____ that which is committed to his trust. **2Tim 1:13,14; 2:1-7**
- ✓ **Must** ____ profane and vain babblings. **2Tim 2:14-16; 3:1-17**
- ✓ **Must** ____ oppositions of science falsely so called. **1Tim 4:1 “doctrines of devils”**

NOTE We have much work to do! Public schools, venues and media are filled with ____!

B. The Lessons (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. You must be **taught** the word of God – church, discipleship, ____ study.

❖ **Question:** What do you need to learn or do ASAP? Read Bible? Wed? Discipleship? BI?

2. You must **keep** that entrusted to you – church, discipleship, Holy ____ lessons.

❖ **Question:** What are you doing to keep and not lose what God has entrusted to you?

3. You must **avoid** profane and vain babblings– unholy, sinful, worldly, ____!

❖ **Question:** How do you plan to shun or distance yourself from ungodly communications?

4. You must **avoid** oppositions of SCIENCE falsely so called – anti-Christian, ____!

❖ **Question:** “How do you plan to shun or distance yourself from anti-Bible oppositions?”

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