

I CORINTHIANS / "THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD Pt. 2" / LESSON 23 / 1 Cor 17-31

② LEAD / REVIEW:

• Darkness is the cloak man's iniquity, that's is man's lies persevere man's own iniquity
• JOHN 15:22 - "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin"

• MAT. 6:23¹⁹ - "But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

• The world tempts & relentlessly with its wisdom as if it is the authority.

• The wisdom of the world bombards us and intimidates that it may prevail & preside undetected & without question
• Earthly, sensual, devilish

Earthly

• The wisdom of the world is divided - there's many schools of thought about anything & everything

- 1 Tim. 6
- Philosophy - love of wisdom
 - Psychology - scientific study of the mind & functions regarding behaviour
 - mental & emotional factors
 - Social Science - scientific study of society & social relationships
 - economics
 - politics.
 - Tradition - generational divine authority though not in the scriptures
 - Natural Science - cosmological, geological, physical, chemical
 - biological
 - study of living organisms
 - anatomy - body

• The problem isn't necessarily the fields, but the wisdom.

• God is wisdom - sure we are to love wisdom

• God made the mind for wisdom for us to behave

• God us to relate to one another

• "God made everything we lust after, but we aren't to lust

• "God ordained" go't → activities surrounding it

• God created heaven & earth all things therein

• Yet, man have taken these fields & corrupted them with a wisdom in which it ought not be filled with

• Thus "ALL IS A VANITY OF VANITIES"

• Bondage of Corruption constrained so that man's love of their own wisdom, the love of themselves

• Paul is confronting this subterfuge, to reveal its deceit, & combat its effects within the churches.

• Right now as it concerns the divisions.

• We must know & are called to know God's view on the matter

• Without God's Word, the sufficiency of scripture, "all wisdom", we are lost, blinded and don't even know it.

• Limited & bound

PREVIEW:

• The wisdom of words makes CoC of none effect

• Meaning its effectualness is self-sustaining, dependent on its own

• Why?

• Why does the wisdom of words make the CoC of none effect?

• God's response to the wisdom of the world

II Sermon:

- 18 - "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;"
- The foolishness of God - the slogan adopted by God in response to man's view of God's wisdom through the lens of their own
- Declarative statement
 - The reasons why the wisdom of words makes the CoC of none effect → because to the world the CoC is foolishness
 - Yet what is it to God: "power", "wisdom"
 - You can't take wisdom & say it's wise when you think it's foolishness.
 - They don't mix

• The world doesn't mix God's wisdom w/ their own

• Nor can we, nor should we

• What has man's wisdom done for their "perishing"

• 19 - "but unto us which are saved it is the power of God"

• Declarative statement

• It is the power of God

• Only we can see that

• They can't

• 2 Cor. 4:1ff

(Why we are ambassadors)

• we are persuaded (Rom. 8)

• why we ought to persuade others

• "power of God" → 1 The 2

↳ effectually worketh

• 19 - "for it is written" - Isa. 29:14

• Man's is perishing, yet they don't seek God (Rom. 3)

• Instead they look within themselves for the answers

• God will destroy this & has via the Cross

• Isa. 25:1ff

• Rev. 18:1ff, Isa. 57:1ff, Pro. 18:2

(1st. 3:3, 2 Tm. 3:13)

• Gal 1 - ev. 1 cor 12

• Php. 2 - ev. 1 cor 12

19 - "bring to nothing"
• not permanent
• ISA 40, 1 Pet. 1:24 James 1:10-11

20 - a call to contend
• taunt
• Elijah Mt. Carmel
• ISA. 50:4-11

"Where is the wise?" - Intelligent
• ISA. 19:12

ISA. 24, 30:1-3, 31:1-7

"Where is the scribe?" - Writers
• ISA 33:18

• number counters
• books → Ecc. 12:12

"Where is the dispenser?" - Orator
"this world" →

They will be brought to nought
• They will not save
• Their time is short.