

1 CORINTHIANS | TAKING THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS | 1 COR. 3:18-23 | LESSON 48

I) INTRO/REVIEW:

- ① The Work of Faith - Building up the wisdom of God/the mind of Christ with us
- ② The materials - Gold, Silver, P, W, H, S (sort)
- ③ The Work Tried
 - Ⓐ Manifest
 - Ⓑ Declared - Day
 - Ⓒ Revealed - Fire
- ④ The Outcome of The Work
 - Ⓐ Abide, Reward
 - Ⓑ Burnt, Loss, Sewed
- ⑤ Destruction of that which defiles the temple

II) Review:

- ① Reproof - :18 - No deceiving → become a fool
- Correction - :19 - 20 → Wow foolishness w/ God / take the wise in craftiness / God knows thoughts
- Instruction R+ - :21-23 → no glory in men, all ours, (:23)

III) SERMON:

[1:18] - "let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise."

- Paul has argued from the premise of power (1:17-20) (2:1-4)
- God's choosing {
 - preaching (1:21-24)
 - calling (1:25-31)
 - ignorance (2:6-16)
 - God's work (3:5-11)
 - future judgment (3:12-17)

• Most recently we have we have seen the warning, to "take heed" "how" & with what we build

• Now, in view of all that, an admonishing reproof - "let no man deceive himself."

• "deceive" - to mislead the mind; to cause to err; to cause to believe what is false.

- Reference
- ① 2 Cor. 11:3 - the serpent deceives (beguiles)
 - ② Rom. 7:11 - sin deceives
 - ③ 2 The. 2:3 - any means
 - ⓐ Rom 16:18 - good words and fair speeches

• Here the man is deceiving himself. How?

Describe

- ① Thinks differently than God
 - ↳ Thinks differently about their own edification
- ② Thinks in accord with the world → worldly means of edification
 - ⓐ own ideas
 - ⓑ popular opinion (man's approbation)
 - ⓒ societal dictates
 - ⓓ traditions
 - ⓔ scientific (social) theories
 - ⓕ philosophy
 - ⓖ experienced-based opinions
- ③ Misleading his own mind (personal responsibility)
 - "opposing himself" (2 Tim. 2:23-26) ≠ deceiving oneself (what is it, how?)
 - ⓐ thinking or doing something that is hindering one's ability to make progress
 - ⓑ the deceived is doing to oneself what an enemy would do to them (own worst enemy)
 - ⓒ cooperate with those that want you to fail
 - no progress until there is "repentance"
 - your just standing in your own way
 - ensnared in a trap of your own making
 - 2 Cor 10:4-5 - we go to war with our own thoughts with the sword of the Spirit so that all strongholds are subdued and all that is left standing is the pillar of truth
 - ⓓ It is a shame to us not to know what God wants us to know

Summary: No man ought to, specially no believing man ought to deceive himself. This is the infirmity of the Corinthians - instead of understanding that the wisdom of the world cannot contribute to our godly edification - for God's edifice isn't built with hands, but by the Spirit of God through the word of

God. Instead of them having a strong disdain and contempt (Rom. 1:12) for it - to be utterly unimpressed with it - they have embraced it, are impressed with it, have held to it, and have made their declarations in view of it.

Thus to utter "I am of Paul" against another "Apollos," "Cephas," etc is to be deceived, misled by their own wisdom and the wisdom of the world

• "If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise."

① Further admonition and reproof → addresses the attitude & thinking

② The believers in Corinth are to be aligned with God concerning the wisdom of the world

Ⓐ makes the Cross of Christ of none effect

Ⓑ the cross is foolishness in view of the world

Ⓒ God will destroy the wisdom of the world

• Bring it to nothing

Ⓓ God made foolish the world

Ⓔ The world doesn't know God

Ⓕ God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise

• the weak things to confound mighty

• base things, things despised, things not to bring to naught things that are

Ⓖ God made Christ to us w, r, s, & redemption

Ⓗ The world doesn't know the hidden wisdom

Ⓘ The wisdom of God

• ordained before the world to our glory

• prepared • the mind of Christ

• deep

• freely given

Ⓙ Believers have from God

• have been given ministers & that which they minister

• increase

• we are God's building & husbandry

Ⓚ Only God's building will abide the fire of the day of Christ

• No longer any reason to be deceived

• Here is the recompence

• Here is the action

• "become a fool" - a fool in the wisdom of the world

• "that he may be wise" - in the eyes of God

• to God's approbation

• The wisdom of God & the world do not mix

Summary: This is the mindset they are to possess before God & man → thus it will remedy this elevation of man and in turn elevate God, glorify His wisdom in Christ

• Rom. 12:2

• Pro. 2 - when wisdom enters it is pleasant

• is it sweet to you? sweeter than money, yea honey from the comb?

• is His wisdom magnified in your heart and mind above all else?

• do you reckon, yield, and renew yourself in God's Word?

• We have One Master, may we not serve two?

• Further correction in 19-20 next time