

I CORINTHIANS | "TAKING THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS" | 1 Cor. 3:18-23 | LESSON 49

1) INTRO/REVIEW:

① R, C, IR*

↳ :18 → :19-20 → :21-23

↳ no deceiving/becoming a fool → taketh wise in craftiness → no glory in men

② Review of Paul's reproof, correction, & instruction that would work that they no longer would be deceived.

① deceive = mislead mind

*think differently than God (WOW)

② become fool - with wisdom of world

③ to be wise - with the wisdom of God

2) PREVIEW:

① Correction (Further Explanation)

② Take Wise in Craftiness

3) SERMON:

[19] - "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.'"

① "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

② Declarative

③ Substantiated upon chpts. 1-3

*unpowerful (weak), none effect, perish, confounded by that which it deems inferior

④ Their "contentions", "I am of" is foolishness

*void of understanding & judgment, weak in intellect

↳ the very thing they boast is the very thing they are not

② "For it is written, 'He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.'"

③ "For it is written." = JOB 5:13

- said by Eliphaz - one of Job's friends
- said of God about Eliphaz
- Job 38:2 - "darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?"

• man's wisdom, the wisdom of the world is not meet for God's design and purpose for creation

• One day soon when He employs His wisdom for creation the wisdom of the world will be confounded, found wanting, and perish.

• All that it boasted will come to nought - it will not abide

• "He taketh the wise in their own craftiness"

• "taketh" - captivity

• "the wise" - of this world

• "own craftiness" - sophistry (fallacious argument) (Job 5:12)

① Rom. 1 - changed

② 2 Cor 4:2 - handling the word of God deceitfully (Col 2 - vain deceit)

③ 2 Cor. 11:3

• beguiled (deceive)

④ Eph 4:14

Deceit

Pro. 14:8

20:17

26:24

(23:3) 31:30

[20] - "And again, 'The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.'"

• Ps. 94:11 (118) → Jer. 17:9

• 1 Chr. 28:9

• Rom. 8:27

• Rev. 2:23

} Searches the hearts

• Ecc 1:1-3 - vanity of vanities

• Gal. 6:7 - "Be not deceived; God is not mocked"

• 1 Cor 1:29 - no flesh should glory in His presence

• Rom. 3:4 (Ps. 116:11; Ps. 51:4)

• 1 Cor. 1:19 → Isa. 29:11-15

• Rom. 16:27 - "the only wise God" (Col. 2) → 1 Pet. 1:22-25

[21] - "Therefore let no man glory in men."

→ Isa. 40