

"A house of fools!"

By Thomas Brooks, "The Crown and Glory of Christianity, or, HOLINESS, the Only Way to Happiness", 1662

"The heart of fools is in the house of pleasure." Ecclesiastes 7:4

A fool prefers toys and trifles, above things of greatest worth.

Just so, wicked and ungodly men prefer their lusts, before the Lord. Upon choice, they prefer the honors, the riches and glory of this fleeting world- above their own souls and the great concerns of eternity.

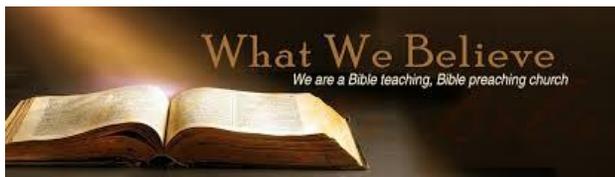
I have read of the foolish people of Ceylon, who preferred a consecrated ape's tooth, above an incredible mass of treasure. Such fools are all unholy people, who prefer the toys and trifles of this world- above the eternal pleasures and treasures which are at God's right hand. The world is full of such fools.

Says one: "If you behold the lives of men, you will judge the whole world to be a house of fools!"

Ah, friends! What folly can be compared to that of men's spending their time, their strength, their lives, their souls- in getting the ephemeral things of this world, and neglecting that one thing necessary- the salvation of their souls! Oh, what vanity is it to prefer . . .

a puff of honor,
a blast of fame,
a dream of pleasure,
a wedge of gold,
a Babylonish garment,
and such like transitory trifles and trash
-before a blessed eternity!

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" Matthew 16:26



Today is Sunday October 27, 2024

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

Pastor's thought for the week.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" 1 Peter 5:2

How does God see people?

Part 1

Genesis 6:5 - 6 *"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."*

I hate to paint people with a broad brush; however, God does, God sees people the very same, as wicked and evil. If you are a person that hates to hear critical things about people because you believe that people generally are good, you may even believe "oh they have a few unpleasant habits but in general people are good, then you could not be father from the truth. God, yes God said, *"the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."* This was not just in the days before the flood, no, not as all, this is God's real thoughts about people. People are sinners, we were all born sinners and at enmity (*hate*) with God. Most people who "say" they love God are in love with the picture of a god that they have painted in their heart, not Jehovah, not the True God. We must believe God; we must stop listening to people and **listen to God**. God warned us that we must listen to Him and not to. 2 Tim. 2:15 *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* That studying is of God's word, meaning we must sit down and read God's word with an open mind of hearing what God said. We must believe what God said even if it refutes our lifelong belief. We must understand and believe in our soul that God is right, that God is Holy, and that God is the only voice and thought that matters. God was not speaking of the people before the flood only, He was speaking of people as a whole. The Psalmist wrote, *"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."* Psa 51:5. Robert Hawker said, *"He here goes back to the source of all sin, in original depravity!"* We were born or brought forth in sin, or we were born with the original sin of Adam. This is what is called our "depravity." This is the reason every single soul born was born evil and at enmity with God. The question must be, are we going to believe God or man, because if we believe man over God, we are calling God a liar. Since sin is passed down through the human seed of man then we are all born sinners.

Pastor's Thought Continued

It is true, if two sinners have children then that child will be born a sinner because sin is passed down through the bloodline from Adam (the original sinner) to us all. This is the reason Jesus was not born in sin but sinless and impeccable. His forefather was not Adam but God the Father. While Mary (who was a sinner) gave birth to Jesus, He had no human father to inherit sin from. Therefore, we must paint the entire human population with the very same broad brush, we are all born sinners, with evil hearts, and at enmity against God, because God said we are all born exactly that way. Job asked this question, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" The answer is not one. Job 14:4. Therefore, God said this of all people, *"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."* Rom. 6:19 This means that we are all born hating God, how can a wicked sinner ever love a Holy God? Paul wrote these words about our depraved state, *"I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness."* Rom. 6:19 Paul is saying that as depraved sinners we are **born slaves to sin**, that sin is our natural being, it is who we are humanly, and we cannot serve God, nor any do good. Therefore, God sees all people as sinners, evil, and as haters of Him.

Church information and Happenings

- Do not forget Next Sunday November 03 to set your clocks back 1 hour.

Romans 3:7-18

"For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner? And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just. What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.