

Make Your Offering Unto The Lord.

**Psalms 107:17 - 22** “*Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. (18. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. (19. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. (20. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. (21. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! (22. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.*”

Let us as Christians understand and never forget, because of God’s grace that brought us salvation, God commands that we make our offering to Him. We never need to forget, the only people on earth that can bring an offering to God are those that received His grace of salvation. Lost people cannot, nor are they expected to. God wrote in **John 4:23 - 24** “*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*”

Our Text begins with the word “fools” The Hebrew word is “*‘ēvîyl*” and is pronounced “ev-eel” and it is defined as – to be perverse, silly, or foolish – There is nothing more foolish than ignoring God, His word, or His Commandments. This is what makes one foolish in God’s eyes. And at the same time there is nothing more honorable than seeking God’s wisdom. And the most foolish fool is one who is a Believer and refuses to obey God, these are fools of fools or most foolish. God did not save anyone to be a disobedient fool.

A. Sinners do not consider God.

1. The Psalmist David wrote in **Psalms 14:1** “*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*”
  - a. The “fool” hath said in his heart that I will not allow God to rule my life. They are disobedient and have no Reverence or thought about God’s will.
  - b. Whether it is a lost fool or a saved fool, it does not matter. Any soul that rejects the commandments and will of God is a fool.

- c. **Psalm 107:17** *“Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.”* They are not only sinners against God, they are in a low state of mind and sinfulness.
  2. **Psalms 92:5 – 6** *“O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. (6) A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.”*
  3. Fools want everything God will give, but they want to return little to God. God is always right, but please, do not say Amen to that and disobey God.
- B. Foolish sinners wrong themselves, then blame others.
  1. **Genesis 3:12** *“And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”*
  2. Doing things because of others is not an excuse. **Genesis 3:17** *“And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;”*
  3. People, even some Christians do not want to take the blame for themselves.
  4. We must never forget our judgment is coming, even for believers and our excuses are “without excuse” Rom. 1:20
- C. V. 17 *“Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.”*
  1. Lost people will never concern themselves with God or the things in His word. They are fools. They have already been condemned. **John 3:18** *“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”*
  2. However, believers are also without excuse for not making our life a sacrifice to God. Paul called it wasting God’s grace. **1 Cor. 15:10b** *“his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all:”*
  3. We all must ask ourselves “are we doing enough for God”? Are we true servants or fools? While we will never be perfect in our works and learning, we must continually work at “rightly dividing the word of truth.”
- D. Psalms 107:20 *“He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”*

1. God has done everything for us, given us so much grace, even taught us, but what have we done for God.
2. We cry unto God in troubled times, but does God have to send trials, tribulations, or persecution, for us to fall on our face before Him?
3. V. 22 *“And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.”* We are to sacrifice our life for the works of God, that is everything we have.
4. **Jeremiah 2:19** *“Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.”*

E. Conclusion

**Psalms 107:21 - 22** *“Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! (22) And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.”*

Let us always give God praises for His blessings through our sacrifices, not legal sacrifices, but spiritual sacrifices, our sacrifices of praise and thankfulness by learning and obeying His word. **Hebrews 13:15 - 16** *“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. (16) But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”*