We Are All Fools – Be the Right Kind

PROVERBS

The Beginning of Knowledge

"The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

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To know wisdom and instruction,

to understand words of insight,

to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity,
to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

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"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The Enticement of Sinners

Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching.
Proverbs 9:10

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
True wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord.
Types of Fools in the Bible
1) The Fool who Denies God.
Psalm 14:1

The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” ...
For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing to be wise, they became fools,
2) The Fool who Blames God.
Proverbs 19:3

3 The foolishness of man ruins his way, And his heart rages against the LORD.
And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,
Romans 1:28-32

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,
Romans 1:28-32

30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;
32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.
Hebrews 12:15

15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;
3) The Fool who Ignores God.
Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
Matthew 7:24-27

27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”
20 But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’

21 So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.’
Matthew 25:1-12

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.

3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,
4) The Fool who Stands With God.
10 We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.
13 when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, *even* until now.
1 Corinthians 1:18

18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
1 Corinthians 1:27

27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,
In the end, God’s wisdom will stand high above the world’s foolishness.