

# "The Sacrifice of Fools"

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If you need a passage that will help you focus on the Lord's day, I would suggest reading the opening section of Ecclesiastes chapter 5 and give some heed to the phrase "the sacrifice of fools."

Let's begin with this understanding - there are many things that we might want to be called when we come into the presence of God; saint, servant, son or daughter, humble, empty, holy, worthless, tired, hungry, or joyous. However, we would never want to be called a fool! But that is what is implied by the phrase in our passage under consideration.

Contextually, the worshipper of chapter 5 is the same man in chapter 4 who seeks to accumulate wealth at the expense of all of his earthly relationships. This man will oppress others in the court (4:1-3) and in the workplace (4:4-6). He will even go so far as to isolate himself from everyone else for the sake of greater profit (4:7-8). This folly leads to the proverbial advice of 4:9-12 regarding the value of friendship and companionship.

When this isolated, oppressing man whose sole focus in life is to accumulate, advance, and amass comes to worship, his goal is the same as any other part of his life - to get and to gain. He treats his relationship with God the same as every other relationship. Thus, when he approaches God it is not really about God. He is not seeking to honor God, worship God, or extol God...rather he is seeking to gain from the experience! Thus, he is warned not to be rash in his vows or to be hasty in his promise. When he makes a vow, he is obligated to keep it!

There are two things that would have fixed his problem and these principles bookend the text: Walk carefully when you come into God's presence (5:1) and fear God (5:7)! Let us remember these two concepts each time we enter into God's presence and as we prepare our hearts to worship.



# Welcome

TO  
KOUNTZE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mar.

"All the churches of  
Christ greet you."

*Romans 16:16*

21<sup>st</sup>

## Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class - 9:30

AM Worship - 10:30

PM Worship - 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class - 7:00

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# Today's Lesson

AM.....What is the Church of Christ?  
PM.....The Lord of the Sabbath

# Men to Serve

Announcements.....Bud Wolcott  
Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald  
Opening Prayer.....  
Communion Leader.....Steve Deatruck  
Sermon.....Corey Tackett  
Closing Prayer.....

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

- There will be a Men's Business Meeting Today.
- Wednesday will be the last day to drop off any candy for the Egg Hunt.
- Please give Corey any prayer requests or announcements.

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Men's Business Meeting  
Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt  
Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> L2L Conference

# Records

Sunday AM..... Wednesday PM.....N/A  
Sunday PM..... Contribution.....N/A

## Birthdays:

3.....Zane Martinka  
3.....Bo Jordan  
4.....Steele Kelley  
5.....Cindy Deatruck  
5.....Nora Sikes  
12.....Mattie Tackett  
14.....Jeremy Martinka  
16.....Kim Welch  
16.....Jane Roberts  
21.....Gary Waldrop

## Anniversaries:

19.....Katie & Justin  
20.....Thomas & Hazeline  
24..... John & Lisa

# Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.  
If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.  
If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

# Prayer Requests and Updates

## Members:

- Dwayne Baker
- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Fred Johnson
- Vera Shavers
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams

## Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright & Charles Wright
- Gary Berry
- Mandy Owens
- Jeanie Beck