

THE FOOLS OF THE BIBLE

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Isa 35:1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

Isa 35:2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

Isa 35:3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Isa 35:4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompense; he will come and save you.

Isa 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Isa 35:6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Isa 35:7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.

Isa 35:8 **And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.**

Isa 35:9 No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*:

Isa 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isa 35:8 -

And an highway shall be there - (see the note at Isa 11:16).

This is language which is derived from the return of the Jews from captivity. The idea is that there would be easy and uninterrupted access to their own land.

Isa 11:16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

And a way - The word “way” (דֶּרֶךְ *derek*) is a more general term, and denotes a path, or road of any kind.

But it shall be for those “But he himself shall be with them, walking in the way” - That is, God; see Isa 35:4. “Who shall dwell among them, and set them an example that they should follow his steps.” Our old English Version.

The wayfaring men - Hebrew, ‘He walking in the way.’ According to the translation proposed above, this refers to God, the Redeemer, who will be with his people, walking in the way with them.

Though fools - Hebrew, ‘And fools.’ That is, the simple, the unlearned, or those who are regarded as fools. The sense here is, that the way of salvation shall be so plain, that no one, however ignorant and unlearned, need err in regard to it.

FOOL #1 – THE ATHEIST

God doesn’t make a man a fool; Man does that to Himself by his own doing.

Psa 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*.

Psa 14:1 -

The fool - The word “fool” is often used in the Scriptures to denote a wicked man - as sin is the essence of folly.

Pro 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Pro 28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Man's Ways of Getting to Heaven

1. His good works
2. Though his own self-righteousness
3. Just do the best I can
4. Sign my name on the church books
5. Join the church of your choice
6. Perform rituals
7. Following man made traditions
8. Following my own philosophy

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY, OTHER THAN GOD'S WAY!

FOOL #2 – THE FOOL OF PROCRASTINATION

Luk 12:16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

Luk 12:17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

Luk 12:18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

Luk 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.

Luk 12:20 But God said unto him, ***Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?***

Luk 12:21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

1. This man didn't realize that very night he had an appointment with death.
2. When death comes to call you there is no extension of time. Death said to the man, I am busy, I can't wait for a change of mind, you must come now says death. I have a schedule to keep, gathering others out of this life... I have no time to wait. You had many years to prepare for your eternity.
3. Life comes to an end at one time or another, prepared or unprepared. **Be wise, prepare to meet thy God!**

Matthew 25:1-13 – **Five Wise and the Five Foolish Virgins**

THE FOOL OF NOT VALUING THE SAFETY OF THE CITY OF PROTECITON (CHRUCH)

2Sa 3:27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

2Sa 3:32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

2Sa 3:33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?

2Sa 3:34 Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him.

1. Abner had fled to Hebron, one of the "Cities of Refuge" There he was protected from those that were after his life. And as long as he stayed within the city, he was safe from the avenger of blood.

2. But he let his enemy, Joab, entice him outside the gate of the city. And Joab pretended to be making peace with him... Instead, Joab smote Abner under the 5th rib with a sword and he died.

Jam 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? **whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

3. Staying in the church is a protection from the enemy of your soul:

Psa 122:7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.

Psa 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psa 91:2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psa 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

Psa 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

Psa 91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

Ecc 10:8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,