

THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD

TEXT: 1 Cor. 1:21-25.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. To contrast God's ways with what man thinks is right.
- B. Sometimes what God commands to men seems foolish to man.
- C. Our knowledge and thoughts can not be compared to God's -Isa. 55:8-9.
- D. This can be viewed as God's way of humbling man- 1 Cor. 1:27-31.
- E. Let us look at things that seem foolish to men but were God's remedy.

BODY: NOAH'S ARK Gen. 6:13-21.

I. THE BRAZEN SERPENT- Num. 21:4-9.

- A. The people complain- Vs. 4-5.
- B. The Lord sent fiery serpents- V. 6.
- C. The people repent- V.7.
- D. The cure- Vs. 8-9.
 - 1. Must look at this serpent on the pole.
 - 2. Where is the virtue in this cure?
 - 3. How could this help anyone? Yet it was do it or die.
 - 4. Foolishness of God!!

II. JOSHUA AND JERICHO- Josh 6:

- A. Joshua takes over where Moses left off.
- B. Jericho was a walled city very strong.
- C. God told him that Jericho was given to them-V.2.
- D. The instructions- Vs. 3-5.

1. Once for 6 days.
 2. The 7th day march 7 times.
 3. Blow horns-people shout the walls will fall.
- E. It happened just that way-V. 20.
- F. Where is the wisdom in such a plan?
- G. The foolishness of God!!

III. NAAMAN- 2 Kings 5:

- A. About Naaman-V.1.
- B. Learns of a cure-V.3.
- C. Went to the King (Wrong man).
- D. Goes to Elisha V. 8-9.
- E. The remedy is told to him. V. 10.
- F. "Naaman became furious." He had reasoned of another way.-V. 11.
- G. Finally went and did what the man of God told him to even though he thought it was foolish and he was cured. V. 14.
- H. Foolishness of God!!

IV. THE BLIND MAN- Jn. 9:1-7.

- A. Man born blind- Vs. 1-2.
- B. The cure Vs. 6-7.
- C. Foolish to do such a thing-clay made with saliva.
1. Dirt in eyes can cause damage.
 2. Saliva is full of germs.
 3. Man's wisdom would say do not do such a thing.
- D. Foolishness of God!!

CONCLUSION:

A. What of all these things? None apply to me today.

1. Rom. 15:4.

2. 1 Cor. 10:11.

B. The Foolishness of God in men preaching- 1 Cor. 1:18-25.

C. What is preaching? Acts 8:35-38.

D. Preacher that is Foolishness!!

1. No more than looking at a snake to be cured of snake bite.

2. No more than marching around a city blowing horns and shouting.

3. No more than washing 7 times in a muddy river for leprosy.

4. No more than Christ making mud from dirt and spit for blindness.

E. Why not humble yourself before God- 1 Cor. 1:27-31.

F. Stop trusting in your own wisdom it is mere foolishness to God.