

People of the Bible

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Words to Find:

<i>Ehud</i>	<i>Korah</i>	<i>Samuel</i>
<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Felix</i>	<i>Timothy</i>
<i>Abigail</i>	<i>Gideon</i>	<i>Uriah</i>
<i>Balak</i>	<i>Habakkuk</i>	<i>Vashni</i>
<i>Beltshazzar</i>	<i>Herod</i>	<i>Zacchaeus</i>
<i>Caleb</i>	<i>Ichabod</i>	<i>Paul</i>
<i>Daniel</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Quartus</i>
<i>David</i>	<i>Jesus</i>	<i>Rahab</i>

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“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.” Proverbs 22:1

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New Morality or Old Sin?

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When I watch television, I am a channel surfer. The station-flicking button on the remote is well exercised when I am viewing the “tube”. In switching between stations, many times I have seen things that I really wish I had not. One time, I remember watching, for a few moments, a program that I normally would not watch.

On the talk show, the host had a preacher as his guest. As is not uncommon on that kind of program, the audience was filled with many that were clearly against what the speaker was speaking about. He was deliberately outnumbered; as it was planned to make him appear to be in the minority. The audience was filled with effeminate males; some even attired in



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A Fool's Follies

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Despite our pride, many of us have been or are fools in the eyes of God. This is a very humbling thought, but it is God's opinion and it is the one that matters and not ours. Noah Webster defined foolishness as “void of understanding or sound judgment, weak in intellect (applied to general character), unwise, silly, vain, trifling, ridiculous, sinful ...” In the book of Proverbs there are at least 42 verses dealing with foolishness. Here is how God defines foolishness in Proverbs:

A fool wants to do wrong, and does not think of the consequences:

“It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.” Proverbs 10:23

“A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool

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woman's clothing. It was a motley and shameful audience. The subject of the program was homosexuality.

When the preacher mentioned what the Bible said about the sin of homosexuality, the stacked mob clearly was angry with the Bible and him. I remember one audience member jumping to his feet and declaring, "I am a moral person, but I am gay."

Both speakers claimed to be moral, but clearly each had a different opinion of what morality was. Webster's 1828 dictionary defines morality as "the practice of moral duties; virtue." In former days, morality was defined by the standards found in the Bible. Our country was founded on its principles and framed by its standards. When the word "moral" was used in most places of the world, it was understood that the Bible was the standard for the definition of "morals".

Today, the Bible is no longer that standard. The problem is not new, although it is more prevalent today than it was 40 years ago. Solomon, about 1,000 years B. C., faced a similar situation. He also realized that man was redefining morality as to what seemed right in his own eyes. The wise leader saw that the peo-

"Today's morality is, too often, yesterday's immorality."

ple were ignoring God's standards as recorded in His Word, and were satisfied to follow their own:

"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits."
Proverbs 16:2

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."
Proverbs 16:25

When God's Word is ousted, then the only tool to measure what is right and wrong is what one's conscience will tolerate; one's opinion. Opinions are different for each person and may even vary from day to day. For one, it may not bother them if they steal. Perhaps they even justify the act: "I was hungry, and needed the food." God's standard still looks on the sin as immoral. Maybe another could even justify adultery with, "My wife does not understand me." The Bible still calls the adulterous act sin. The scenarios could get well out of control, as every sin imaginable would be tolerable. Chaos, immorality, and anarchy would rule in every neighborhood and country. The prospects of what could happen are frightening; all because opinion reigns rather than old-fashioned Bible-based morality.

Even though the universal measuring stick of morality is ignored, does that change the fact that one's opinion is right? No! There is still one God. He created the heavens and the

Earth, and He has planned for it one day to come to an end. He is still God. Ultimately, it will be His rules that prevail when He judges the sins and works of man. Our opinions do not really have any value when it comes to God's plan. He is not going to alter His judgments, because you or I disagree with what He is doing. The crowd that belittled and scoffed at the preacher standing for the principles of the Bible will not be summoned to assist God in judgment when that time comes. Our beliefs will not change anything. It's God creation, and His way is the only way that matters.

"Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" . . . Isaiah 5:21

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rageth, and is confident." Proverbs 14:16

A fool listens to his own ideas, and is not concerned about others. He gets angry when others tell him what to do:

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

"A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent." Pr. 15:5

"A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself." Pr. 18:2

"Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wis-

dom of thy words." Pr 23:9

"He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart." Pr. 11:29

A fool lets his opinion be known right away.

"A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards." Pr. 29:11

"A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame." Pr. 12:16 Also: Pr 13:16, 18:6, 29:20

A fool minds everyone else's business:

"It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling." Pr. 20:3

A fool does not learn from his mistakes:

"As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly." Pr. 26:11

A fool does not believe there is a God: (Psalms). Although found in the book of Psalms, here is another person God identifies as a fool.

"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:" Psalms 14:1 Also Ps. 53:1

“He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever.” — Tillotson