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Wise / Foolish

If we are not really serious about having communion with our Master YAHSHUA then we should not raise our hands here in His presence. We have to be serious about what we do every morning. It is a great testing for us. Only the spiritual people can endure. Everyone else falls into a ritual. It is always testing us, but I want to be like a wise virgin — they have the extra oil they need. The foolish virgins run out of the spirit, the oil, the anointing. Dan 12:10 — The foolish are regarded as wicked because what they did was done in their own initiative; it was not through their fellowship with Messiah. But the wise grew in wisdom and understanding and were more and more purified and refined and able to judge themselves. They could not sleep unless they were in perfect fellowship with their Master. They searched their heart in the night. They understood. They were refined and purified because they had understanding.

Jn 14:21,23 are the wise. Prov 2 — we cannot be wise unless we see that we need wisdom and cry out with a loud voice for it. I don't know where you actually cry out with a loud voice in a city like this — not even in the park because there are so many people there, but I do think it is meant literally though. I don't think it means you are to just have an attitude of crying out with a loud voice, but a literal crying out from your heart because you get so desperate because you see the void within you — you get so desperate for wisdom and understanding. *These* are the wise. Dan 12:10 — wise/foolish.

Mt 25:2 — half wise / half foolish. We do many foolish things that we shouldn't do and we say we would never do it again, but when we get a chance, we do it again, repeating our foolishness, never learning or changing (2 Tim 3:7,8). Dan 12:2-3 talks about true believers, but some will go into age-lasting life and some to age-lasting shame. The foolish will not enter into life in the next age but will have to be disciplined and bear the reproach in the next age. But the wise will shine like the brightness of the sun and the stars. In contrast, the fools will be disciplined, bearing the reproach.

A star is a self-contained entity that produces light on its own. The wise will shine forth like the brightness of the sun. You can see in our own sun, the closest star to us, how the wise, the righteous, will shine forth in the next age, giving wisdom and understanding to the nations according to the wisdom they gained in this age — according to the mind of Messiah that they acquired in this age. They are serious, respectful, they pray, they beseech our Father in heaven. If we do not do this, we are foolish. Some foolish people think they are wise, but it is just like it says. There will be the wise and the foolish and the wicked.

Eph 5:15 — The *wicked* is a person who is a believer but his attitude is wicked — he is foolish — he has a wicked heart. It is hard to translate that word *wicked*, but actually it is like a lawlessness in him. The day of judgment will reveal what we have built for 50 years — whether we are solidly based on the foundation of YAHSHUA, the solid rock (1 Cor 3:9-15). Nothing else counts except having Him and knowing Him.

Therefore there are foolish builders and wise builders. Paul, the co-worker of God Himself, laid a foundation but he said, "Let every man be *extremely* careful [cautious in thought, speech, action, circumspect, prudent, thorough, conscientious] how he builds," — in what manner or way, in what state or condition, what he builds with (1 Jn 1:6; Mt 7:21). Because the day will reveal the quality, the true attitude, and motive of *how* each man built. The burning fire of Yahshua's eyes will be burning into our heart, judging the intentions and the motives of our heart (1 Cor 3:10-15). That day will reveal how each man built. If we built with imperishable qualities, then we will receive the kingdom as a reward. Whatever our Father has for us to do in that kingdom, we will be like stars giving light to the nations forever.

But if we are foolish, that whole age will be an abhorrence to us. We will *hate* the way we were. We'll groan, "Why didn't I take the opportunity when I had it?" (Pr 5:11-14; 2 Sam 22:26-28). You will be soul-searching for 1000 years and you will finally come to realize that you *have* to give your entire being over to the Sovereign and cry out for wisdom. But we do not *have* to go to death. We can do it *now*. We do not have to taste death. We can be set free now (Jn 8:31,33,51).

We must be disciples and we must cry out for wisdom and understanding and hear His word and obey it. Otherwise we will taste death. Then we will see what death is really all about. "The terrors of sheol came upon me" (2 Sam 22:5,6; Ps 116:3 NASB). Then it will change our heart, change our motive, change the way we live. If we were to go to death for just three days and three nights like our Master YAHSHUA did, we would come back and be the greatest evangelist that would have ever lived. Just think how different we would be. We would love one another with an ardent love. If we do not do it now, we are the foolish (1 Pet 1:8,22; 4:8). That is how we are supposed to love now. But if we were to spend just three days in a state of death it would change our lives. But why won't we let the Holy Spirit change our lives *without* having to go there? ("The terrors of sheol came upon us.") Because that is the difference between "the wise" and "the foolish."

Some will have to be beaten to wake up (Eph 5:14). That is why it says, "AWAKE, O sleeper; rise from the DEAD and Messiah will shine on you. Wake up! Wake up sleeper!" He is talking about *believers*, not about unbelievers.

Let's just be wise. We are here this morning to fall away or to progress — it is just according to how we give our sacrifice. Community is the best place to fall away or to progress. It is made that way to separate the sincere from the insincere. There are unlimited opportunities a day to love and opportunities to not love. It tests our hearts. And every morning it tests our hearts to see whether we are spiritual or fleshly; to see whether we would come here and raise our hands not even realizing that we are standing here in the presence of God in the spiritual realm. We must realize that when we come to the sacrifice we are standing in the presence of God. *Here* is where you cry out for wisdom. If you want wisdom you have to *get* it, Pr 4:5. And you have to know where you can get it.

Our Father liberally lavishes wisdom, flows it out for those who ask. But the foolish will not learn until the next age when they are confronted with the snares of death and then (Pr 5:11) there they will groan and say, "How I hated discipline; how I hated correction. Why didn't I pay attention to my teachers." They will be a disgrace in the qahal and in the assembly. Many people

will come to disgrace. The whole first century community came to disgrace except a few (Rev 3:1-5,20,21). They had a *reputation* of being alive but they were dead to fellowship, dead to communion. If you are not living in communion, what you do is in your own initiative. The people in Mt 7:23 had a reputation of being alive, but He said, "I don't know you." It meant that they were not knowing *Him* (Phil 3:10). They were dead to Him even though they belonged to Him.

At any given moment, we are either dead or alive to God — in our heart. These people in Mt 7:23 did what they did in their own natural strength. The whole church in Sardis was reputed to be alive, but they were dead — 1 Cor 16:22 had come upon them — they could not fool God. Only a few were walking before our Master with a white garment. Only a few (verse 5) would remain in the book of life (for believers in the next age). Our name is there now but after we are judged, will it remain there? It is according to if we are the foolish or the wise; if we are taking the opportunity now to be serious, circumspect, not wise in our own understanding, but going to *Him* (Heb 4:16).

We have to pass through that fire of judgment (1 Cor 3:10,11). What we built with gold, silver, and precious stones will last; and what we built with wood, hay, and stubble will burn. We will be saved — but it will be through fire. All that some people will have left is a pile of ashes. They were saved but they were not wise. The others will have the same — gold, silver, precious stones. We want to be wise to build on the foundation of our Master YAHSHUA with the proper materials. Let's test what we are building with. Let's not build with anything that burns, but let's build only with real things. Regardless of all that we have just heard many, many times, five will be foolish and five will be wise (1 Cor 4:11; Rom 14:10,11; 2 Cor 5:10,11).

Nahaliel — we need to have salt in ourselves. Not to always have our leaders correcting us, but in ourselves. If we see something that is not good, we have a chance to correct it with salt. The wise love correction. Sometimes someone gives you a word of correction or instruction and you repel the salt. You don't receive it. YAHSHUA told that story for us so that we would learn. It is those little things we have to be wise in. If you read Proverbs they say the wise love

correction. But when correction comes, sometimes you don't want to receive it. It feels bad; you feel bad. Or you receive it from the elders but not from another brother. Instead you say to yourself, "Oh, here he comes again." This destroys the Body. This destroys the salt in us. If this is your house that you take identity with, you will receive the salt.

I want you visitors to understand that our Father in heaven has given us His Spirit through whom we can understand His Word. Without His Spirit teaching us, these words are absolutely ridiculous and confusing (like Christians), so you might as well burn all of the bibles. Our Master is establishing a people and he is training us to rule with Him in the next age. We must be obedient to every word He says or we will not be worthy to rule with Him in the next age.

It is a hard life; it is not easy. When you say you want YAHSHUA to save you, you want to be delivered from your sin, you enter into a covenant with Him to obey Him and keep His word. We have to keep that covenant by obeying His Spirit, Rom 8:5,13. There is a new age coming soon. It will not come until He has a wise people prepared to rule with Him.

See Shachar's letter, *Right Now*, dated November 11, 1992.