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## HAVE I FOOLED YOU LORD?

In Psalm 94 we find eleven questions. At least those of us who read our Bible will find eleven questions. The Prophet of Ps. 94 is calling out to God for justice. He complains of the tyranny and impiety of the wicked. It is the cry of every saved Jew in the Tribulation. The Psalmist cries out for justice:

“O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself. Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: Render a reward to the proud” (Ps. 94:1-4).

There are 11 questions in Ps. 94. But I intend to set before you on this day, only five of those 11 questions by way of this sermon.

### **I. Vs. 8. “...ye fools, when will ye be wise?”**

The question put plainly is, “When are you gonna get smart?”

I know, I know doctrinally this is a tribulation passage. You see, that’s just the thing the Holy Spirit is trying to tell you. There is a spiritual application here. And so, the question is to you Christian; When are you gonna get smart?

Oh yeah, you have the right Bible, and you have the right Doctrine, and you go to Bible Study, and some of you even teach the Bible. Some of you can quote the Bible real good. Do you know how I know this question applies to a Christian spiritually, because the Psalmist said, “ye fools” – “ye fools , when will ye be wise?”

Do you know there are some Christians who are fools? The Apostle Paul wrote: “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15-16). Paul was admonishing Christian fools to be wise. And just as there were Christian fools in Paul’s day, there are Christian fools today, even among us, right here in the now and nasty 2024! Amen.

Do you want to know how to be a Christian fool? All you have to do is pretend you don't know the answer to the next four questions presented to you herein.

The Holy Spirit by the mouth of the Apostle Paul told you: "Ye are the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night" (I Thess. 5:5-7). Some of you are asleep and in need of a spiritual awakening!

So, first the Psalmist asks, "...ye fools, when will ye be wise?" He wants to know, when are you going to get smart? If you want to be a Christian fool, just pretend you don't know the answer to the next 4 questions. Here they are:

## **II. Vs. 9. "He that planteth the ear, shall he not hear?"**

The second question is, If God can construct a human ear, do you think He isn't capable of hearing?

The human ear consists of at least 31 major parts. Sound waves enter the ear canal and hit the eardrum. The eardrum vibrates and relays vibration to the ossicles. The ossicles transmit the vibration to the oval window, a membrane that covers the entrance to the cochlea. The vibrations pass into the cochlea where fluid activates the tiny hair-like receptor cells called mechanoreceptors, located in the organ of Corti. These cells send nerve impulses along the vestibulocochlear nerve to the auditory center in the temporal lobe of the brain where sounds are interpreted. The ear is also responsible for balance and is sensitive to gravity.

You know why God gave you two ears and one mouth? So you would listen more and talk less. Amen!

## **"He that planteth the ear, shall he not hear?"**

You know why I say we have some Christian fools around here? No? Well, let me tell you!

Some of my Christian Brothers are walking around cursing, singing, and talking things with the Unsaved they ought not to be speaking. And, some with the Saved! A real Christian fool is someone who thinks just because there are no Christian Brethren around, no one is hearing their filthy sinful conversation(s). Well, I got news for you: "He that planteth the ear, shall he not hear you?" The Apostle James said: "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:10).

You had better remember who is listening, and never mind who is not! Did you get that? You better quit being a fool and remember who is listening – never mind who is not?

## **III. Vs.9 "He that formed the eye, shall he not see?"**

The third question is: If God can construct a marvel like the human eye, do you think He is blind? 2 Chr. 16:9, says: "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth..."

The retina is the inner layer of the eye, made up of light sensitive cells, photoreceptors, called rods and cones, with more than 100 million rods over 500 million cones. That describes only one part of the human eye!

Again, the Psalmist asks: "...he that formed the eye, shall he not see?" A Christian fool thinks God can't see what he is doing when he is alone. A Christian fool thinks God doesn't hear and see their every move.

I am telling you, God is watching you, just as a good father should watch his children! So, if you are a Christian fool, you just keep on doing what you are doing. Go ahead, keep fooling yourself – keep pretending God is not seeing you! Just because you can block out the Sun with your thumb, doesn't mean the Sun isn't shining.

**IV. Vs. 10, “He that chastiseth the heathen, shall he not correct?”**

The fourth questing is, if God punishes the unsaved, do you think you are going to get away with it? The Apostle Paul said: “For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape...” (Heb. 2:2-3).

You can pretend God is not hearing what you are saying. You can pretend God is not seeing what you are doing. But, I got news for the Christian fool. With God, there is 100% accountability at the Judgment Seat of Christ!

The Psalmist also asks: “shall he not correct?” – Oh, He will correct!!! Scripture says: “For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scorgeth every son whom he receiveth” (Heb. 12:6). “Some men’s sins are open beforehand, going before judgment; and some men they follow after” (I Tim. 5:24). There it is, 100% accountability!!!

**V. Vs. 10, “he that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not know?”**

The last question is: Since God imparted to man the ability to think, do you think God doesn't know what is going on inside your head? Verse 11 in this same Psalm says: “The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.”

It may come as a surprise to you, but God knows what you have been saying, hearing, droing, and thinking. Christian, since God Almighty created a brain that can think, it

should come as no surprise whatever you have been thinking, ***He Knows!!!***

Christian, you may hide your sinful talk, your sinful speech, your sinful lust of your eyes, and even your sinful thoughts from your Pastor, Deacons, and other Brothers, but no shadow can be cast upon the Ears and Eyes and Mind of God Almighty! In the Book of Job is contained this fact. And I remind you, a fact never has to apologize for itself. Elihu said: “**There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves**” (Job 34:22).

Now you can keep pretending God doesn't know, hear, or see what you have been doing, but the Psalmist would ask you this day: “**ye fools, when will ye be wise?**”

When are you going to smarten up?

**END**

**FINGERPRINTS ARE OF GOD**

No two are alike!

Job 37:7

**FOUR PARALLELS BETWEEN  
ESTHER & PROVERBS**

<u>Esther</u>	<u>Proverbs</u>
1) 3:7 -----	16:33
2) 5:9-14 -----	16:18
3) 7:10 -----	11:8
4) 5:1-4 -----	21:1

**BEST O.T. PASSAGE ON THE  
DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY**

Isaiah 48:12-16

“I”, “the Lord God”, “His Spirit”.

**A. W. TOZER**

“When entering the prayer chamber, we must come filled with faith and armed with courage” (*The alliance Weekly/Witness, 1952*)

## IN DEFENSE OF THE KJB (A.V.)

**QUESTION:** Doesn't the King James Bible promote slavery?

**ANSWER:** Not at all.

**EXPLANATION:** The fake claim that the King James Bible endorses, encourages or promotes slavery is an example of the dishonest depths to which its enemies will stoop in hopes of damaging its reputation in any way possible. It is the exact same thing that vicious, hate-filled liberals resort to when they call **anyone** who disagrees with them a "racist" in hopes of bullying and intimidating them into ceasing to stand for right.

Many years ago I received a strange telephone call. The man that called was white but he was making a video that was supposed to "Restore the Glory" of the Black race which he claimed had been stolen from them by white people. In this video he even went so far as to claim that originally the great Sphinx had the facial features of an African black man and that those features were blasted off of it by racist white French soldiers. This, **in spite** of the other Egyptian statues of the Sphinx which prove otherwise. (Who cares about honesty as long as your agenda is enhanced?)

How he got my phone number I do not know. Why he called me? He said he heard I was an expert on the King James Bible (**his statement**, not mine) and so he wanted me to answer a question. His question was the same as that above, Doesn't the King James Bible teach slavery?

I explained to the man that nothing could be farther from the truth and that it was teachings from the King James Bible during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century that abolitionists used to

condemn slavery. The I gave him two definitive verses from the Bible that showed just the opposite of his charge was true:

**Exodus 21:16** "And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death."

This verse condemned those evil men who raided African villages and kidnapped helpless black people and tore families apart as they made merchandise of them . . .

**Deuteronomy 23:15** "Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee:"

Here we have the very verse which inspired the Historic Underground Railroad which helped escaped slaves to find safety and new lives in the North in the years preceding the Civil War, a "railroad" that was conceived of and manned by **white** people!

Thwarted, the man later sent me a copy of his video racist arguments which was poorly represented. But, to his integrity, he had deleted the false charge against God's Holy Bible.

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## TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS IN A MAN'S LIFE!!!

1. Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (Mt. 16:13)

2. But whom say ye that I am? (Mt. 16:15)

**END**

## FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

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*"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." (1 Tim 6:12)*

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Notice that "fight of faith" is related to "*hast a good profession of faith before many witnesses.*"

In this context, we see Paul warning Timothy about the riches of this world. But I want to focus on something much more valuable - our testimony. Paul continued with Jesus Christ in the following verse, "*I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;*"

Timothy did the right thing. He openly confessed Jesus Christ and did it before multitudes on numerous occasions. Furthermore, he professed to be a soldier in an army whose "captain" (Heb. 2:10) was Jesus Christ and had a walk that was an "*example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*" (1 Tim. 4:12). He exposed himself as a Christian man to scrutiny by those within and without the Church. He was forced to live up to his "profession" or be branded as a liar and a hypocrite. This is the proper "perspective" and the proper position for every child of God in the world today (see 2 Cor. 4:2).

Notice that Paul uses a reference to an athletic arena. But also notice that the "fight" is connected to having a good testimony. No

one likes a cheater. The same goes for the Christian Man - No one likes a hypocrite. Three points come to mind:

### 1. Strive (1 Cor 9:25-27)

Paul talks in the passage about running a race. It is in reference to being disqualified from a race. A race that has no eternal purpose. We run "*...for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*" - eternal purpose. When runners run a race, they stay in their lane. When hurdle jumpers jump hurdles, they don't look at the hurdle. They look out in front of it. That's the problem with Christians: they tend to look at the obstacle instead of the Author and Finisher of their faith. Another issue is too many Christians get out of their lane. During a swim meet, a swimmer who crosses out of his lane is disqualified. Keep your eyes on Jesus and run the race that is set before you. Stay in your lane. Put the porn away, lay the gambling aside, and keep the prison politics at bay. The Bible says, "*The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.*" (Pro 15:3). A proper "Fear of the LORD" will do the believer wonders.

### 2. Endure (1 Tim 3:12)

We are to face our share of suffering for the cause of Christ as soldiers. We are to endure hardness. Paul's admonition here is not to harden your heart toward God or people but rather to understand that we are in a war. Know the battlefield. Soldiers train, fight, and face the enemy. Soldiers must be brutal; they must be tough. Soldiers for Christ must endure and suffer while maintaining a Christian reaction to persecution, slander, lack of funds, false brethren, inconsistent Christians, and oppositions of the world,



science, flesh, philosophy, and the devil. Look at what Peter says about our call to suffer (1Pet 2:19-25; 3:12-17).

### 3. Persevere (Eph 6:18)

In this context, Paul is talking about prayer as the ultimate armament of the Christian: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood." The enemy is real and cannot be fought with the arms of a carnal Christianity. We are called to pray with all perseverance. More ground has been won through the power of prayer than any other means. Look at the reformation, the first and second awakening, and any other revival, soul-winning, or testimony. The power of prayer is preeminent.

As an ex-con, I personally know the fight you all are facing. I know of the 24-hour, 7-day-a-week scrutiny. The finger-pointing and accusations that come daily. Our testimony in Christ Jesus is more valuable than anything this world has to offer. Believe me, I have many regrets in my life, but there is nothing more sorrowful than the opportunity to lay up treasure in heaven and choose some worldly, youthful lust. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH.

Brother Raymond

**END**

### **HOW TO BE SAVED**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Ro. 10:9).

1. Admit you are a sinner.
2. Be willing to turn from your sin (repent).

3. Believe that Jesus died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.

4. Through prayer, pray: God I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sins. I ask Jesus to be my Savior, and I am putting my faith in Jesus alone for my Salvation.

If you have prayed this prayer with a sincere heart and have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, please let us know.

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