

The Fool and the Wise

by Oswald Chambers

The sermon emphasizes the importance of standing true to faith in God, even when it means appearing foolish to others, and trusting in God's wisdom rather than human cunning and cleverness.

Scripture: Matthew 5:11, 1 Corinthians 1:23, 1 Peter 4:16

Topics: "Faith And Suffering", "Godly Wisdom"

Description

Oswald Chambers preaches about the shame of the Gospel, highlighting how the wisdom of God may seem foolish to the world, but ultimately surpasses human understanding. He emphasizes that standing true to faith in God may lead to appearing foolish among those who prioritize worldly wisdom and cunning. Chambers challenges believers to be willing to endure suffering and appear foolish for the sake of Christ, even in the face of opposition and persecution.

Transcript

The Shame of the Gospel

"A wise person who has built his life in confidence in God will appear a fool when he is among people who are sleek and cunning.... The wisdom of God arrant stupidity to the wisdom of the world, until all of a sudden God makes the wisdom of the world foolish. (See 1 Corinthians 1:23-25)

"...but we preach Christ crucified, ἵ» ἔ to the Jews αἶ» ἔ stumbling block and to the ἴ» ἔ Greeks ἴ» ἔ foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christi» ἔ the power of God and ἴ» ἔ the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."¹ Corinthians 1:23-25

"If you stand true to your faith in God, there will be situations in which you will come across extortionist, cunning, crafty people, who use their wits instead of worshiping god, and you will appear a fool. Are you prepared to appear a fool for Christ's sake? Very few of us know anything about suffering for Christ's sake for conscience or conviction's sake...."

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