

I Have Played The Fool

“Then Saul said, ‘I have sinned. Return, my son David. For I will harm you no more, because my life was precious in your eyes this day.

Indeed **I HAVE PLAYED THE FOOL** and erred exceedingly’” (1 Sam. 26:21)

Matthew Henry



“Saul repeated his good words and good wishes. But he showed no evidence of true repentance towards God. David and Saul parted to meet no more. No reconciliation among men is firm, which is not founded in and cemented by peace with God through Jesus Christ. In sinning against God, men play the fool, and err exceedingly. Many obtain a passing view of these truths, who hate and close their eyes against the light.”

Saul's Persistence in Error Leads to *Playing the Fool!*

- ◇ 1 Samuel 13 – Saul offers unlawful sacrifice.
- ◇ 1 Samuel 15 – Saul spares King Agag.
- ◇ 1 Samuel 16 – David is anointed by Samuel.
- ◇ 1 Samuel 17 – David defeats Goliath.
- ◇ 1 Samuel 18:6-9 – Saul resents David.
- ◇ 1 Samuel 19:9-10 – Saul tries to kill David.
- ◇ 1 Samuel 24:4 – David spares Saul.
- ◇ 1 Samuel 26:6-12 – David spares Saul again.

How Might We
PLAY THE FOOL TODAY?

¹Abandoning the Gospel for the Law of Moses

- ¹ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?
- ² This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
- ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

Galatians 3:1-3

AN OBSERVATION

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AN APPLICATION

What about Easter as a day to celebrate the resurrection?

- ▶ What of professing Christians who mix the Law of Moses and pagan practices into the gospel?
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Act 12:4?



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Act 12:4? "And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people" (KJV)

- ▶ There is NO basis for translating it "Easter"
- ▶ In the 28 other occurrences, it is translated "Passover."
- ▶ "Pascha" does not mean "dawn"
 - ▶ Refers to the Passover lamb, feast, sacrifice
- ▶ 1599 Geneva Bible "Passover"

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- ◆ If properly translated, “Easter,” it still cannot refer to an annual event celebrating the resurrection of Christ (context, Acts 12:1-3)
- ◆ Rooted in paganism “EOSTRE”

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Would Paul consider
those today any less
foolish and bewitched?



² A Man Who Despises His Father's Instruction

“A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.”

Proverbs 15:5

“A wise son heeds his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.”

Proverbs 13:1

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One Who Hears But Does Nothing

Matthew 7:24-27

Two different people: wise and foolish

Both build houses

Both hear same message

Both undergo the same storms

Only one remains