

(1). "The Man who Played the Fool".

TOPIC.

Introd:- (1). HE DID..HE SAID HE DID! This isn't my idea or criticism or accusation. He said: "I have played the fool"! Near end of his life he summed it all up in these very words..and in doing wrote his own epitaph. TOPIC.

(2). I think he came of a good family..respectable farmer or merchant..well-known..owning considerable herd of animals..And this son grew to be big. strapping fellow..tall..handsome..well-mannered. Many a head turned...! His name was Saul..the son of Kish.

I. Nobody ever dreamed that THIS prom. young man..be..TOPIC

(a). He began so promisingly..yet deteriorated so dismally God pity the man who thinks he is beyond poss..play fool!

Look at Saul, son of Kish:- (1). Physically superior..

I Sam. 9:2-2. (2). Highly commendable qualities of disposition...He had inward stature...c/f Modesty..9:20-21 10:22.../ Discreetness. 10:27. Takes self-restraint to the Generous spirit. 11:12-13. Many other char..consid. of others..courage..leadership..capable of strong love..moral purity..antag. to spiritism as put away mediums.

(3). Thirdly:- He was specially equipped by God for task given him..I Sam. 10:6-9. Had exper. similar to that of X'n today..renewed..strengthened by Spirit of God..

Moreover:- Reinforced..10:26..surrounded by host of God-touched men. And finally..a trusty counsellor and God-inspired prophet to help..10:24..Sustaining..upholding. What a glorious prospect!

II. And yet this is the man..finally said..I Sam. 26:21.

(a). We stand aghast! Incredible happened. What caused it Actually ONE THING...but expressed in four manifestations.

(1). Impatience and irreverent presumption. 13:8-9-13.

Just couldn't wait for God.."I know better..must move" .. failed to trust in time of real difficulty.

(2). Rashness and wilfulness..14:19-20, 24, 45. "I know will of God..this is MY decree of fasting" ..How foolish!

(3). Per. climax of his downfall..Disobedience and deceit. 15:2-3..9..12-14..22-23. In these words of Samuel we have great lesson for all to learn from life of Saul..vs. 22b.

(4). Insatiable jealous rage against God's chosen..David. 18:10-12...18:29..Sinning against knowledge...c/f 24:20 Until reached his confession..TOPIC..and soon thereafter went to attempted self-destruction..suicide...(Failed even in that). 2 Wiltshire - 28 - Rescued 31

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Conclus:- 1. What was underlying cause of this four-fold failure? What made him play the fool? Fool he was..for he wasted his life..and lost all he had. Why?

Crystal clear..this was sin of SELF-WILL. And it ruined Saul ..and will do same today. This giant wreck of a man, who once enjoyed direct counsel from heaven, ended up trying to traffic with the underworld, thru. a spirit-medium...then outside
LEARN THIS: * THE ONE VITAL CONDITION FOR THE TRUE FULFILLMENT OF LIFE IS OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD. Better than sacrifice
When we obstinately attempt to reign independently of God..we are sure to play the fool. ToX let self-will get upper hand in life is to miss the best and to court the worst.

2. Heed this most carefully. THERE ARE MULTITUDES IN HELL TODAY..BEC. FOLLOWED SELF-WILL..instead of God's will! c/f ques. of salvation.."I can earn..merit..turn over leaf..reform pray..pay..climb.improve..get better..good enough". Self-will
God says:- Ephes. 2:8-9//Titus 3:5..Acts 13:38-39..16:31.

3. And how many Christians lost out..failed..disappointed the Saviour..bec. walked in way of self-will.."I will do this..so make my life..Shut ear to God's call..stay home..pay others"
God says.."Study".."Witness".."Go ye".."into all the world". Which for you? Remember. self-will leads to self-destruction. ruination of life.."Seek ye the LORD". "Not my will..thine"
Of Jesus it was said: "I come to do THY WILL O GOD".

4. Let me finish with one more contrast..Saul:- Dying words.."I have played the fool". When neglected godly friend (PTF)
When went on enterprised bef. God sent him..(PTF)..When disobeyed God, even in seemingly small things..(PTF)..When tried cover up (PTF)..When turned from God, His will..(PTF)..TOPIC. But look at another SaulX,..who became Paul..Dying words.."I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown.."
Saul of O.T threw his crown away. Saul of NT gained a crown he can never lose, and that will nev. lose its lustre thru all eternity. . God help us to LEARN...live in Will of God!

WHAT IS IT? - JOHN 6:37-40 - THAT'S THE STARTING POST!

-OR- PLAY THE FOOL!

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