

--- JOB'S WIFE ---

THE FAITHFULNESS OF JOB.

--- After losing all his possessions, all his wealth, all his children, he suffered "malignant sores from the sole of the foot to the crown!" (Job 2:7).

--- BUT JOB'S WIFE DID NOT SHARE JOB'S FAITH IN GOD AND SPOKE AS UNBELIEVERS SPEAK. She believed that her husband's faithfulness should not be rewarded with tribulations.

--- Job 2:9, "Then his wife said to him, Do you still retain your integrity? Curse God and die."

--- Job 2:10 "But he said to her, As any fool speaks, you have spoken. Will you accept God's good and not accept adversity? In all this Job did not sin with his lips."

--- BUT JOB'S WIFE DID SIN WITH HER LIPS.

--- Surely "death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21).

--- The person who opens his mouth to express any thought that comes to his mind, without having thought or examined it, destroys himself, hurting his own conscience and causing sadness, sometimes very deep, for others.

--- Proverbs 18:7, 8, "The mouth of a fool is his destruction."

--- Ephesians 4:29, "Let no corrupt word come out of your mouth, but that which is good for the necessary edification, that it may give grace to the hearers." 5:3, 4, "But fornication and all filth, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as befits saints; 4 neither dishonest words, nor foolishness, nor trickery, which are not convenient, but rather thanksgiving."

--- James 3:6, "And the tongue is a fire, a world of wickedness. The tongue is set between our limbs, and it pollutes the whole body, and inflames the wheel of creation, and it itself is inflamed by hell."

--- Luke 6:45, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." Lot's wife's heart was not pure. She heartily rejected God and told her husband that he should curse her. Imagine a heart so corrupt, so evil, that it is able to utter the words that came out of that woman's mouth!

--- "NECIA" – keyword in this study. Synonyms are foolishness, unlearned, crazy.

**"AFRON" – Mindless**

--- A = Without; Phronema = mind. As if he had no mind, irrational.

--- This word is used many times in the Bible, with application to many things.

----**Job 1:21, 22. Job did not "attribute to God any nonsense (thoughtless action)." He never acts out of reason.**

--- **The Bible describes the condition of the "foolish" (afrones).**

**Job 2:9, 10,** "You have spoken as any of the foolish (foolish") women would speak!" As if she had no mind. Not being in her full judgment, crazy. It's a strong word.

**Psalms 14:1,** "The fool said in his heart, 'There is no God.' He speaks as if he has no mind. He doesn't think. He doesn't reason. Rom. 1:20, just see and know.

Prov. 9:13-18, the woman who does not protect her purity does not use her head, does not think. 1 Cor. 6:18-20. A-phron, mindless.

Prov. 12:15, "The way of the fool is right in his own sight, but he that heareth counsel is wise."

Ps. 32:8, 9, "I will teach you the way... Do not be without understanding, like the horse, or like the mule, whose mouth is to be restrained with bit and bridle; otherwise, they don't come near you."

Prov. 15:5, "The foolish (a-phron, mindless) despises his father's discipline, but he who accepts rebuke is prudent."

Luc. 11:38-40, "... Fools, he who did the outside didn't also do the inside?" 1 Sam. 16:7; 1 King. 8:39; Heb. 4:13.

Luc. 12:19, "I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years.' Rest, eat, drink, Rejoice."

Luke 12:20, "But God said to him, 'Fool! (a-phron) Tonight they come to take your soul; and what thou hast provided, for whom shall it be?'"

Greed = idolatry (Col. 3:5). Work or business is your LIFE... Saving the soul is not first. To-phron, mindless; Foolishness, madness, mental alienation.

--- **Everyone can understand and obey God's will to be saved.**

Ephes. 5:15-17, "Be careful how you walk; not as fools, but as sages... do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephes. 3:3, 4, "I have written it ... By reading it, you will be able to understand what my understanding is in the mystery of Christ."

Nehemiah 8:12, "Thus the whole village He went to... rejoice with great joy, because they had understood the words they had been taught."

If we don't understand God's word, it's our fault. We are voluntarily to-phrones... We refuse to use the mind (intelligence) that God gives us.

--- **Romans 1:20,** "For the invisible things of Him, His eternal power and Deity, are made plainly visible from the creation of the world, being understood by the things made, **so that they are without excuse.**"

### --- Why don't they understand?

The foolish person is guided by false teachers, opinions, prejudice, feelings and this produces ignorance of God's word. He doesn't use his head. He does not learn the Bible itself.

Every teacher must be examined by the Bible. 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 Jn. 4:1, 2.

2 Ped. 2:12 and Jude 10 speak of those who are like "irrational animals" who will be destroyed.

1 Ped. 2:15, "This is the will of God, that by doing good you should silence the ignorance of foolish men."

### --- That's why Think! Use the Mind!

Imitate the Bereans: "These were nobler than those of Thessalonica, for they received the word with all solicitude, searching the Scriptures daily, {to see} whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Imitate the eunuch. He read Scripture, listened to the simple gospel preached by Philip, confessed Christ, and was baptized. Acts 8:39, "When they came up out of the water ... the eunuch... continued his joyful way" for having understood and obeyed the gospel. Understanding brings much joy. Neh. 8:12.

Take advantage of every church service and Bible class and "use your head!" Listen. Learn. Grow.

Get and use study "tools": concordance, dictionary, Bible dictionary, maps, writings of faithful brethren.

A. Isa. 1:18, "Come, therefore, saith the Lord; And let us reason together: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red as crimson, they shall become as white wool."

B. Matt. 7:24-28, "Everyone who hears these words and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand."

**MORÓS.** Another strong word: According to Mr. W. E. Vine's dictionary, "moros, obtuse, slow, stupid, ignorant, foolish." It is the word Jesus uses to speak of the disobedient.

C. Rom. 12:1, "that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, which is your (worship) service reasonable."

D. Disobedience is unreasonable. Not worshipping and serving God is unreasonable. Worldly life is unreasonable. Failure to prepare for the final judgment is unreasonable.