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FROM PELOURETS' SELECT NOTES. Second Quarter. Lesson 3.—April 20. 1 Cor. 1: 17-31.

PAUL'S PREACHING. GOLDEN TEXT. We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness.—1 Cor. 1: 23.

17. Christ sent me not to baptize. This does not mean that baptism was not included, but it does mean that baptism was very inferior to preaching. It is subordinated in the very form of the commission, "Go ye therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them," etc. The main thing was to make disciples; recognizing them as such by baptism was subordinate, though commanded. But to preach the gospel. His work was to bear witness to the good news (Gospel, "good spell" i. e. good story) that "God so loved the world that he had given his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." This proclaiming of the Gospel of Salvation is the first great work of preacher and teacher. Not with wisdom of words "Christ sent me to preach, not with wise discourse, that is, not with human wisdom—not as a philosopher, but as a witness." His preaching, therefore, was the simple exhibition of the truth which God had revealed.

18. For the preaching of the cross, i. e., Christ crucified. Them that perish—rather, them that are perishing, viz., by preferring human "wisdom of words" to the doctrine of the "cross of Christ." It is not the final state that is referred to; but "them that are in the way of perishing." Those who are perishing have had no experience of the blessedness and power of the cross, and therefore think it foolishness because they have never understood it. But unto us which are saved. These are called the saved, not only because they certainly are to be saved, but also because they are in a state of salvation. The power of God. God's powerful instrument of salvation; the highest exhibition of God's power (Rom. 1: 16).

19. I will destroy the wisdom of the wise. This verse expresses a general principle of the divine administration—that the coming forth of God is often such as to confound human prudence, in a manner which human wisdom would not have devised, and in such a way as to show that he is not dependent on the wisdom of man.

20. Where is the wise, etc. This is a challenge to the wise of every class and of every nation to disprove what he said. Of this world, or age. This qualification belongs to all the preceding terms. Hath not God made. Declared, shown to be foolish.

21. This and the following verses contain the apostle's second argument in proof of the insufficiency of human wisdom. In the wisdom of God. This means either, in the wise ordination of God, or in the midst of the manifestation of the wisdom of God. Know not God. Their very knowledge led them away from God, as it does some very learned men of our day. Not by foolish preaching, but by an instrumentality that seemed wholly inadequate to the wisdom of men,—the preaching of Christ crucified.

22. For better since, or seeing that, as in ver. 21 the Jews require (or ask) a sign. This was characteristic of the Jews. They required external supernatural evidence as the ground of their faith. The Greeks, on the other hand, seek after wisdom. They required rational evidence.

23, 24. But, for all that, and because they seek signs and reasons. Unto the Jews a stumbling-block. They had anticipated in the Messiah a glorious temporal prince, who should deliver and exalt their nation. To present to them one crucified as a malefactor as their Messiah was the greatest possible insult. Unto the Greeks foolishness. They would never endure a religion that laid open the weakness and depravity of the human heart, and the insufficiency of our own powers. The cross (the

death of a slave), which to the Jews (looking for a temporal Messiah) was a "stumbling-block," is really "the power of God" to the salvation of all who believe. The wisdom of God, so really exhibiting, and in the highest degree (if they would but see it), that which the Greeks sought after—wisdom (Col. 2: 3).

25, 26. Because the foolishness of God, etc. The meaning is, "the doctrine of the cross, though regarded as absurd and powerless, has more of power and wisdom than anything which ever proceeded from man." For ye see your calling. The apostle introduces a new argument in proof of the uselessness of human wisdom. The argument is derived from their religious experience. Not many wise men after the flesh. The christians were wise, but not wise after the flesh, i. e., according to human and worldly estimate in distinction from spiritual and divine. Their wisdom was divine wisdom, real wisdom, the highest wisdom. Mighty, in pieces of worldly power. Noble. Of high rank.

27. But God hath chosen. Because these were the fittest instruments for his purpose. The foolish things of the world. Not really foolish, but foolish in the estimation of the world. Such means as to human eyes seemed utterly unable to do his work. To confound. God confounds the wise by effecting through his instruments, without human wisdom, what the worldly wise, without it, cannot effect, viz., to bring men to salvation. Weak things of the world. What could be weaker in worldly estimate than Christ himself, without rank or wealth, or armies or worldly power?

28. Base things... things despised, in the eyes of the world. Things which are not. Those who are entirely overlooked as though they had no existence. The things that are, i. e., those who make their existence known and felt, as opposed to those who are nothing.

29. That no flesh should glory. The gospel is designed to produce humility, and to place all men on a level in regard to salvation.

30. But of him are ye, says the apostle. Who of (by) God is made unto us. That is, through Jesus Christ comes unto us all those things which men have sought by worldly wisdom in vain. Wisdom. This must mean simply that christians have become truly wise by the agency, the teaching, and the work of Christ. Righteousness. Here equivalent to what is called "justification," i. e., we are in Christ treated as righteous for his sake. We are forgiven and treated as children of God, just as if we had never sinned. Sanctification. We are actually made holy by Christ. Redemption. Probably the word is used here in a wide sense, as denoting the whole group or class of influences by which we are brought at last to heaven.

31. He that glorieth (returning to ver. 20). We cannot glory in his presence as to what we are or can do, but we may glory in the Lord, giving him all the praise of our salvation. And from this we see (1) That the design of the plan of salvation is to exalt God in view of the mind. (2) That the design is to make us humble. (3) It is an evidence of piety when we are thus disposed to exalt God, and to be humble. It shows that the heart is changed. (4) We may rejoice in God. We have no strength and no righteousness of which to boast, but we may rejoice in him.

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