

Sermon Handout

“How Not to be a Fool”

Exodus 20:3

The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. Ps 14:1

- I.** Continuity & distinction vv. 1-2 (*cf.* Dt 5:1-6, esp. v. 3)
 - A.** The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob Ex 3:6b, 15
The God of Moses’ father, Amram Ex 3:6a
 - B.** But God delivered *their descendants*, met them in person
“Not . . . with our fathers . . .” Dt 5:3
“I have brought thee out . . .” Ex 20:2; Dt 5:6
Christ is the God of the living, not the dead Rom 14:9
See Mt 13:16-17 (*cf.* the bones of Joseph)
 - C.** “You were in bondage, I have delivered you.” v. 2
They are thereby bound through gratitude
God’s favor is pleasant & attractive to them
Ps 119:71-72, 103-104; Ps 19:7-10
- II.** The fear and the promise
 - A.** Fear Dt 5:4-5 (*cf.* Ex 19:16; 20:18-21)
 - B.** Promise Dt 5:32-33 (*cf.* Ex 19:22-24; Dt 6:1-5)
 - C.** Their sole allegiance is to the God who delivers
Dt 4:14-20; Rom 7:21-8:2 (thanks to God for setting us free)
- III.** Allegiance to the One True God gives us hope
 - A.** Hope anchors our soul Heb 6:10-20
Note: it is reflected in faithful labor for God’s honor v. 10
 - B.** In “living hope” we are kept by the power of God I Pet 1:3-9
We rejoice in him whom we have not seen
 - C.** We are motivated to purity I Jn 3:1-3
That God is not finished with us, gives us reason to press on