**R1046 - Rumination for Feb 16, 2025**

The **T**heme: **Three Types of Men –** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? And ﻿the son of man, that Thou visitest him?* Psa. 8:4

The **T**hots: **Three Types of Men. Jer. 17:5-11**

1. **The Self’s Fleshly Man** – ***Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man…* 17:5, 6**
2. The **P**oint: he is ***Fleshly*** because… 17:5
3. He trusts in **S**ociety – *Cursed be the man that trusteth in man,*
4. He trusts in **S**elf – *and maketh flesh his arm*
5. He does not trust in the **S**overeign Lord – *whose heart departeth from the Lord.*
6. The **P**icture: 17:6
7. It is a **B**are **P**icture of no real blessing – 17:6a

*For he shall be like the heath in the desert*

1. He has a **B**leak **P**rospect of no real blessing. 17:6b

*and shall not see when good cometh*

1. His is a **B**arren **P**lace of no real Blessing. 17:6c

 *but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in ﻿a salt land and ﻿not inhabited.*

1. **God’s Fruitful Man.** **17:7, 8**
2. The **P**oint – He is **B**lessed because… 17:7
3. Of his **S**aving Faith - *Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord,* *and whose hope the Lord is.*

 *Kiss the ﻿Son…﻿Blessed are ﻿all they that put their trust in Him.* cf. Psa. 2:12

1. Of his **S**ustained Faith – *and whose hope the Lord is.*
2. Of his **S**ource of Faith – *in the Lord*
3. The **P**icture – it is **B**eautiful: 17:8

*For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river,*

*and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful*

*in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.*

1. His Blessed **P**osition – *a tree planted by the waters*
2. His Blessed **P**rovision *–* *that spreadeth out her roots by the river*
3. His Blessed **P**rotection – *and shall…*
4. Not be affected by the Heat – *shall not see when heat cometh*
5. Nor be affected by the Drought – *shall not be careful in the year of drought*
6. But always bearing Fruit – *neither shall cease from yielding fruit.*
7. **The World’s Foolish Man. 17:9-11**

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?* 17:9

*The Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways,*

*and according to the fruit of his doings.* 17:10

*As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right,*

*shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.* 17:11

1. The **P**oint –
2. The **D**eceitfulness of the Heart. 17:9

 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

1. The **D**iligent and **D**etailed **D**etection of the Lord – *the Lord search the heart* 17:10
2. The **D**ealings and ***D****oings* of the Lord with Man. 17:10

*I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*

1. The **P**icture - it is **B**ad. 17:11
2. A **F**ruitless Occupation – *As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not* 17:11a
3. A **F**utile Accumulation –

*So he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days* 17:11b

1. A **F**oolish Conclusion – *and at his end shall be a fool.* 12:11c
2. The **P**arallels – the other **B**iblical Fools:
3. *﻿The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.* Psa. 53:1
4. *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.* Pro.12:15
5. *The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: But the folly of fools is deceit.* Pro. 14:8
6. *A fool ﻿despiseth his father’s instruction: ﻿But he that regardeth reproof ﻿is prudent.* Pro. 15:5
7. *But God said unto him, Thou fool, ﻿this night ﻿﻿thy soul shall be required of thee:*

*then ﻿whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?* Lk. 12:20

Conclusion: Eph. 5:15-17

*See then that ﻿ye walk ﻿circumspectly, not as fools, but ﻿as wise, ﻿Redeeming ﻿the time, ﻿because the days are evil. Wherefore ﻿be ye not unwise, but understanding what ﻿the will of the Lord is.*

*When men, pre­tend­ing to be wise, Forsook plain na­ture’s rule,*

 *Their minds in end­less mazes lost, The man became the fool.* John Needham

**Points To Ponder:** *The Man Who Considers himself to be Wise in his sight may turn out to be a Fool.*