

**The Arrogance of Godlessness, v. 13-14**

- I. He identifies his audience as bigshots! They are out for riches and gain.
  - A. There is a pride and self-confidence about them that believes that they are actually in control of anything.
    - 1. But man's knowledge is limited. We do not know what tomorrow will bring (Matt. 6.25, 34). How often do our plans change at the last minute?
      - a) Man's time is limited.
        - (1) The problem is the arrogance in believing that we have ultimate control over what will happen tomorrow.

**Boast in the Lord's Will, v. 15-16**

- I. It's not just about how we ought to speak.
  - A. Making plans is not the problem (Prov. 6.6-8). Making profits through business is not the problem. We are not waiting for signs from heaven in order to do God's will. We have God's will in Scripture. And it's not a flippant attitude toward life either (Matt. 4.5-7).
    - 1. The problem is **Godlessness** (Rom. 1.21). The problem is not considering God and his will. It is self-reliance, self-centeredness and arrogance. Because God has the ultimate control.
      - a) Our time on this earth is limited. And there is only one who knows all and who is all-powerful. He has ultimate control over all things. He has our plans in his hands. Consider the little power and knowledge that man has and compare it to the eternal power and knowledge of God.
        - (1) This is why we ought to trust in God and in his gracious will!
          - (a) **God's greatest act of providence was the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.** Imagine if God left man to his own planning. He would be damned. But through the foolishness of the cross he saves man.

- i) Rather than boasting in our own will, we ought to boast in the Lord and in the cross of Christ!

**The Lord's Will Be Done, v. 17**

- I. And seek his will to be done. Instead of being "judges" of the law, we ought to be doers of the law.
  - A. Sin is not just doing something wrong, but it is also knowing the right thing to do and failing to do it. Oh, how sinful we truly are?!
    - 1. The right thing to do is to consider and acknowledge our God and giving him thanks for the day he has given us.
      - a) We are not called to boast in our works but to do our works and boast in the Lord. He upholds the universe by the word of his power (Heb. 1.3). He governs where we are, where we're going, what we are to do and what we are to become. He presents his good will for us to do, if we fail to do it, it is sin (Matt. 12.47-48; 25.42-43).
        - (1) Our time is limited, so let us plan accordingly. If we fail to consider our Lord and his will, it is sin.
          - (a) I would remind you that we have a Mediator and an Advocate who bore our sin (2 Cor. 5.21). Amen.