

Mock At Your Own Risk!
“The Truth As We Know It”
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This week I want to talk about being careful about what we say. I will give an example of a number of people throughout history that have mocked God and paid the ultimate cost for it. The list is long! I am sure I can not get to all that could be sited, but I will mention a few of them. I am reminded of the scripture in Gal 6:7-8 where we read, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

First, here are some Biblical examples of men who mocked God. 1. The great story David and Goliath. found in 1 Sam 17:4, 8-10 where we read, "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ... And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, .. I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." We all know the story, David said, "I'll go." In verses 43-47 we read, "The Philistine said unto David , 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with staves?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David , 'Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.' I love what David said to Goliath, "You come to me with a sword, and a spear, and a shield: but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This

day will the LORD deliver you into my hand; and I will kill you, and take your head from you; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands."

2. Then there is that powerful story of Sennacherib king of Assyria and Hezekiah, King of Judah found in 2 Chron 32. in verse 1 we read, "After these things, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself."

Hezekiah responded by saying to his people, "Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles"

Sennacherib said to the people of Judah, "Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand? Hezekiah the king and the prophet Isaiah responded by praying and crying out to God in heaven. "And the LORD sent an angel, which cut

off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword." His own sons killed him while he was praying to his idol!

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, lost 185,000 soldiers in one night! The story is also told in 2 Kings 19: 22 where we read, "Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? even against the Lord God, The Holy One of Israel." God said through the Prophet Isaiah 2 Kings 19:34-37, "For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake." 'And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred eighty five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses."

Then there was Belshazzar the king of Babylon who mocked God by taking the hallowed Temple vessels out and using them as part of his party celebration. Eating & drinking to their idol gods from them. We read this story in Dan 5: In verse 5 we read, "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote."

Belshazzar was so shook up he couldn't stand up! Daniel told him, " Oh Belshazzar, you have not humbled your

heart, though you knew what God did to your father Nebuchadnezzar, How He humbled him by causing him to lose his mind for seven years. But you have lifted up yourself against the LORD of heaven; and have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you, your lords, your wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and you have praised the gods of silver, of gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God who gives you life have you not glorified." The hand writing on the wall means, "you have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting. Your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." In that night, Belshazzar the king was slain.

I now want to tell of some men and women in modern times who mocked God and paid the ultimate price.

There was **JOHN LENNON** of the Beatles: He famously said, "Christianity will end, it will disappear. I do not have to argue about that. I am certain. Jesus was ok, but his subjects were too simple, Today we are more famous than Him" That was in 1966. He was shot six times.

Then there was **MARILYN MONROE**: She was visited by Billy Graham during a presentation of a show. He said the Spirit of God had sent him to preach to her. After hearing what the Preacher had to say, she said: "I don't need your Jesus." A week later, she was found dead in her apartment.

Then there was President of Brazil, **TANCREDO**

NEVES): During the Presidential campaign, he said if he got 500,000 votes from his party, not even God would remove him from Presidency. He got the votes, but he got sick a day before being made President, and died.

Then there was **CAZUZA**, A bi-sexual Brazilian composer, singer and poet: During a show in Rio de Janeiro, whilst smoking his cigarette, he puffed out some smoke into the air and said: "**God, that's for you.**" He died at the age of 32 of AIDS in a horrible manner.

After the construction of Titanic, a reporter asked the builder how safe the Titanic would be. With an ironic tone he said: "**Not even God can sink it**" We all know what happened to the Titanic.

BON SCOTT: The ex-vocalist of the AC/DC and The author of the song '**highway to hell**', sang, "Don't stop me, I'm going down all the way, down the highway to hell". On the 19th of February 1980, Bon Scott was found dead, he had choked on his own vomit.

Then there is the heart breaking story of a grieving mother from CAMPINAS, Brazil. In 2005, A group of friends, drunk, went to pick up a friend. The mother accompanied her to the car and was so worried about the drunkenness of her friends and she said to the daughter - holding her hand, who was already seated in the car: "**MY DAUGHTER, GO WITH GOD AND MAY HE PROTECT YOU.**" She responded: "**ONLY IF GOD TRAVELS IN THE TRUNK , CAUSE INSIDE HERE IT'S ALREADY FULL**" Hours

later, news came that they had been involved in a fatal accident, everyone had died, the car could not be recognized what type of car it had been, but surprisingly, the trunk was intact. The police said there was no way the trunk could have remained intact. To their surprise, inside the trunk was a crate of eggs, none were broken!

Remember: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." So let us sow to the Spirit of God!

Listen again next week.

This we do know, The Bible is God's Word, God's word is true, Jesus Christ is God's son, Jesus died to save us from our sin, Without Jesus we are eternally lost. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we might be saved. Atheism is a temporary condition, for every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus stands ready to save you now, Will you call on Him today?

Until next week, God bless.