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## Job 28

1 There is a mine for silver and a place where gold is refined.

2 Iron is taken from the earth, and copper is smelted from ore.

3 Mortals put an end to the darkness; they search out the farthest recesses for ore in the blackest darkness.

4 Far from human dwellings they cut a shaft, in places untouched by human feet; far from other people they dangle and sway.

11 They search the sources of the rivers and bring hidden things to light.

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13 No mortal comprehends its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living.

14 The deep says, “It is not in me”; the sea says, “It is not with me.”

15 It cannot be bought with the finest gold, nor can its price be weighed out in silver.

20 Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell?

21 It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds in the sky.

23 God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells,

28 And he said to the human race, “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

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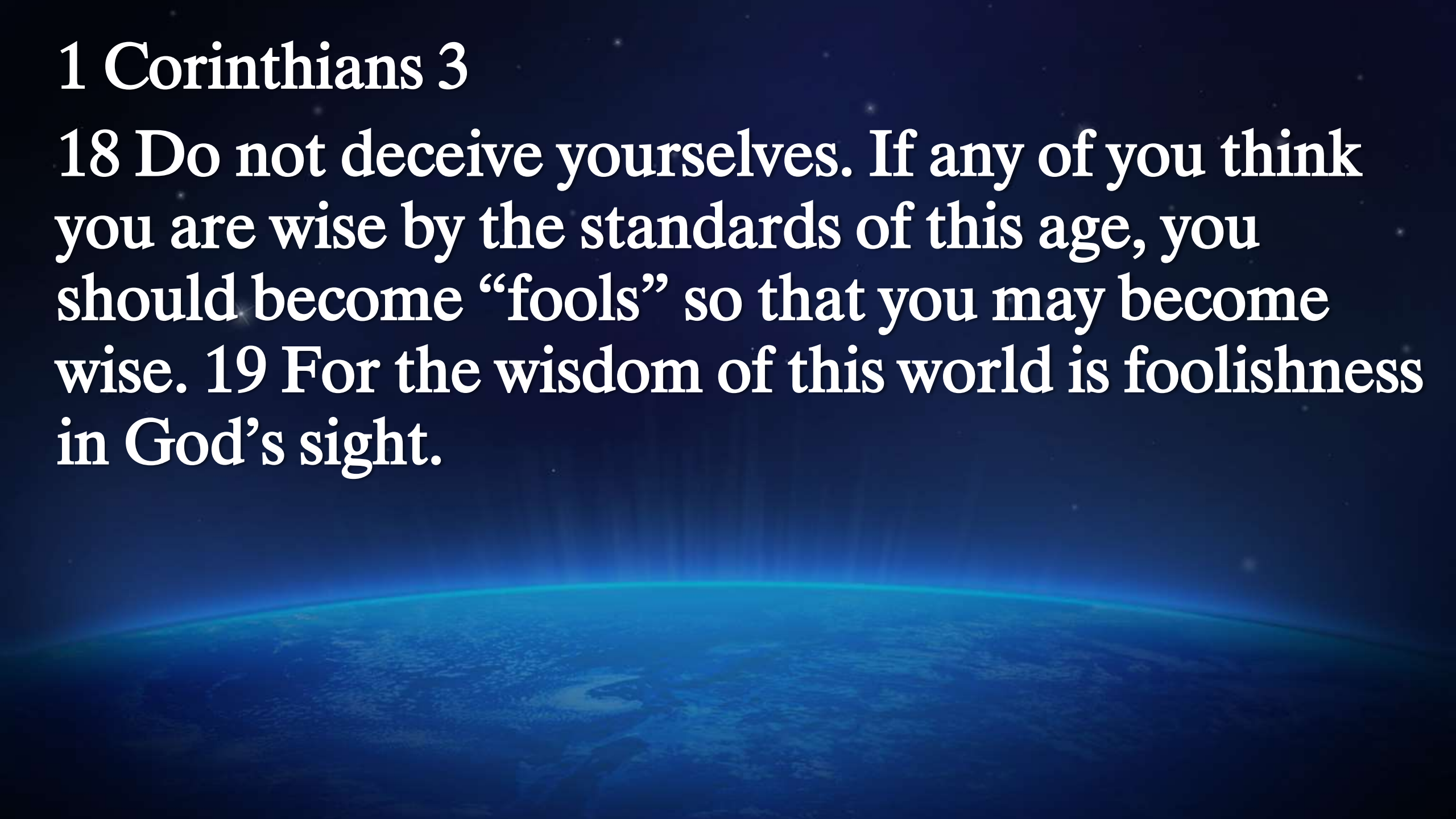
# 1 Corinthians 1

20 ...Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

# 1 Corinthians 3

18 Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight.



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# 1 Corinthians 2

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.



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5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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4. The chief characteristic of each wisdom is revealed in who it exalts
5. Like faith, we are to grow in wisdom and pursue it
6. Like faith, wisdom will show itself in the way we live

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## Ephesians 5

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.



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