

The Doctrine of Scorn

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These studies are designed for believers in Jesus Christ only. If you have exercised faith in Christ, then you are in the right place. If you have not, then you need to heed the words of our Lord, Who said, “**For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten [or, uniquely-born] Son, so that every [one] believing [or, trusting] in Him shall not perish, but shall be have eternal life! For God did not send His Son into the world so that He should judge the world, but so that the world shall be saved through Him. The one believing [or, trusting] in Him is not judged, but the one not believing has already been judged, because he has not believed in the Name of the only-begotten [or, uniquely-born] Son of God.**” (John 3:16–18). “**I am the Way and the Truth and the Life! No one comes to the Father except through [or, by means of] Me!**” (John 14:6).

Every study of the Word of God ought to be preceded by a naming of your sins to God. This restores you to fellowship with God (1John 1:8–10). **If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness** (1John 1:9). If there are people around, you would name these sins silently. If there is no one around, then it does not matter if you name them silently or whether you speak aloud.

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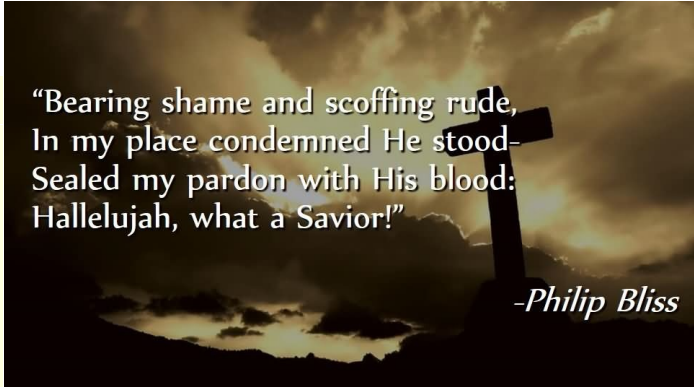
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Preface: This doctrine is introduced in **Proverbs 9** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)). It could stand to be revised and proofed (using more verses with the word *scorn* and *ridicule* in them).

Quotations:

Philip Bliss quotation; from The [Quotepedia](#); accessed December 6, 2015.

Louis L'Amour: *To disbelieve is easy; to scoff is simple; to have faith is harder.*¹



“Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood—
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!”

—Philip Bliss

¹ From <http://thinkexist.com/quotes/with/keyword/scoff/> accessed December 6, 2015.

James A. Froude: *The superstition of science scoffs at the superstition of faith.*²

Margaret Atwood, expressing some reasonably insightful human viewpoint: *Don't misunderstand me. I am not scoffing at goodness, which is far more difficult to explain than evil, and far more complicated. But sometimes it's hard to put up with.*³

Jack Handy: *We tend to scoff at the beliefs of the ancients. But we can't scoff at them personally, to their faces, and this is what annoys me.*⁴

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The ESV (capitalized) is used below, unless otherwise noted. I have added some bracketed material to the quoted verses.

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1. Definition and description: the scoffer not only rejects the offer of grace of God and entry into the plan of God, but he makes fun of those who believe this. When given the opportunity, he will scorn and mock such people. From Got [Questions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org): *In Hebrew, the word translated "scoffer" or "mocker" can also mean "ambassador." So a scoffer is one who not only disagrees with an idea, but he also considers himself an ambassador for the opposing idea. He cannot rest until he has demonstrated the foolishness of any idea not his own. A scoffer voices his disagreement, ridicules all who stand against him, and actively recruits others to join his side. In the Bible, scoffers are those who choose to disbelieve God and His Word. They say in their hearts, "There is no God" (Psalm 14:1), and make it their ambition to ridicule those who follow God.*
2. Vocabulary:
 - 1) Hebrew verb: lûwts (לוץ) [pronounced *loots*], which means *to scorn, make mouths at, talk arrogantly; to boast; to scoff, to deride; to speak barbarously [in a foreign tongue]*. Strong's #3887 & #3945 BDB #539.
 - 2) As a masculine plural, Qal active participle, lûwts (לוץ) [pronounced *loots*] means, *scoffers, scorers; boasters*.
 - 3) Hebrew verb: lâ'ag (לאג) [pronounced *law-GAHG*], which means *to ridicule, to mock, to scorn, to laugh at, to stammer, to deride*. Strong's #3932 BDB #541.
 - 4) Hebrew verb: sâchaq (שחק) [pronounced *saw-KHAHK*], which means, *to laugh; by extension, it means to sport, to play, to jest; to mock, to hold in derision*. Strong's #7832 BDB #965.
 - 5) Greek noun: empaiktês (ἐμπαίκτης) [pronounced *ehmp-aheek-TACE*], which means, a mocker, a scoffer, scorner, one who scorns. Thayer+ definitions only. Strong's #1703.
 - 6) Greek verb: empaizô (ἐμπαίζω) [pronounced *ehmp-AHEED-zoh*], which means, *1) to play with, trifle with; 1a) to mock, deride, scorn; 1b) to delude, deceive*. Thayer+ definitions only. Strong's #1702.
3. It is a foolish man who scoffs God and His Word. Psalm 74:22
4. It is the arrogant who scoff. Prov. 21:24 **"Scoffer" is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.**
5. The scoffer rejects the Lord of Glory. Deut. 32:15 **"But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, stout, and sleek; then he forsook God who made him and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.**
6. Scoffing and mocking indicates negative volition toward the gospel and toward Bible doctrine. 2Chron. 36:16 **But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against His people, until there was no remedy.** See also

² From <http://thinkexist.com/quotes/with/keyword/scoff/> accessed December 6, 2015.

³ From <http://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/scoffing.html> accessed December 6, 2015.

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Job 36:18.

7. Scoffers often refuse to even acknowledge the authority of their own parents. Prov. 13:1 **A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.**
8. Many times, you are wasting your time reproving a scoffer. Prov. 9:7–9 **Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.** See also Prov. 15:1 23:9 29:1.
9. Often, eliminating the scoffer from a group promotes harmony within that group. Prov. 22:10
10. If a person who clings to wisdom has his days increased, it follows that a person negative to Bible doctrine, a person who scoffs at God, will live a shorter life. Prov 9:10–12 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it.**
11. Those who scoff are often motivated by arrogance; and they often favor restricting your opinion. Psalm 73:8 **They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression.** (NIV) See Mark 7:21–22.
12. The arrogant ridicule the believer. Psalm 123:4 **We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.** (NIV)
13. People at the crucifixion ridiculed the Lord of Glory. Luke 23:35
14. The believer is blessed to not emulate the scoffer. Psalm 1:1–2 **Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**
15. In some cases, it is best for the believer to avoid those who scoff at Jesus Christ. Prov 13:15–21 **Good sense wins favor, but the way of the treacherous is their ruin. In everything the prudent acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly. A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a faithful envoy brings healing. Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored. A desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but to turn away from evil is an abomination to fools. Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. Disaster pursues sinners, but the righteous are rewarded with good.**
16. Scoffers may think that they are pursuing wisdom, but they are not. They are unable to recognize it or to take it in. Prov. 14:6–7 **A scoffer seeks wisdom in vain, but knowledge is easy for a man of understanding. Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not meet words of knowledge.**
17. Wise men do not mind be corrected and do not mind hearing wisdom; scoffers reject divine viewpoint and do not want to be corrected. Prov. 9:8 15:12
18. Some scoffers can only learn the hard way. Prov. 19:25 **Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; reprove a man of understanding, and he will gain knowledge.** See also Prov. 21:11.
19. If you are a scoffer, under discipline from God, stop your damn scoffing! Give ear to God. Isa. 28:22–23
20. God continues to speak to the arrogant scoffers of Israel. In Acts 13:40–44, some of them responded with positive volition.
21. God judges the scoffer as an abomination to mankind. Prov. 24:9
22. Scoffers can destroy a city, a community or a nation. Prov. 29:8
23. President Obama often uses scoffing and ridicule in order to sell his agenda. He is a disciple of Saul Alinsky, as is Hillary Clinton. Alinsky **advised** *“Ridicule is man’s most potent weapon.” There is no defense. It’s irrational. It’s infuriating. It also works as a key pressure point to force the enemy into concessions. (Pretty crude, rude and mean, huh? They want to create anger and fear.)*
24. The scoffer lacks the human spirit, and is therefore unable to take in Bible doctrine. 1Cor. 2:13–14 **And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person [= the soulish man] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly [= absurd, foolishness] to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.**
25. The post-canon period of the Church Age appears to be the end times spoken of (in some instances) by

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the Apostles. It is during this time that there will be those who scorn and scoff at the plan of God. 2Peter 3:3–4 ...knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of His coming [Christ's return]? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." Jude 18–19 They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these [scoffers] who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

26. A nation filled with scoffers will face the wrath of God (2Chron. 36:16). Some people think that God is not dealing with national arrogance (expressed by scoffing) soon enough (Psalm 74:10 Prov. 1:22).
27. Scoffers are punished in time and in eternity. Prov. 19:29
28. Scoffers are said to have a covenant with death. Isa. 28:14–15 **Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers, who rule this people in Jerusalem! Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement, when the overwhelming whip passes through it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter";...**
29. Those who scoff will die in their sins at the end. Acts 13:40–41 **Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: "Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you."** See also Isa. 29:20.

Some information was gleaned from <http://www.openbible.info/topics/scoffers> and [Got Questions?](#); both accessed December 6, 2015. All other references also accessed December 6, 2015.

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