

Proverbs 1:22b. “For scorers delight in their scorning...”

Scorner comes from a primary root meaning “to make mouths at.” In other words, he is a mocker. He speaks of truth in a derisive way. He has contempt for God, and has no fear of ridiculing Him and His Word. He is an ambassador of error and is proud of it. He is a false teacher. Listen to what the Apostle Peter says about them: “... scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming’” (II Pet. 3:3-4)? In other words, they deny the Word of God, for the benefit of their own desires. They receive benefits for opposing the truth. They “delight in their scorning.” Shimei was a scorner. As David was fleeing Jerusalem when his Son Absalom stole the kingdom, Shimei ran along beside him and cursed him while throwing dirt at him. There you have it. A scorner curses the truth and throws dirt at those who proclaim it for the sheer enjoyment of doing it. A secondary gain is he becomes a hero to others who admire him for hating the truth. There is some hope for a scorner, though not much. Lee Strobel, a former avowed atheist and journalist for the Chicago Tribune, was converted by his own journalistic research intended to destroy the scriptural claims of those who believed in Jesus. He is now an apologist for the Christian faith. God can change our delights if we allow the truth to enter our hearts. “Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desire of your hearts” (Psm. 37:4).