

Redemption and Divine Wisdom — Texts

1 Corinthians 1 ¹⁸For the word of the cross (ὁ λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ) is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and

set aside (ἀθετήσω) the understanding of the intelligent” (Isaiah 29.14).

LXX I will hide (κρύψω) the understanding of the intelligent

MT The understanding of the intelligent will vanish (נִתְחַדֵּשׁ)

²⁰Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God (ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ), the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God, through the folly of the preaching (διὰ τῆς μορίας τοῦ κηρύματος), to save those who believe.

²²For Jews ask for signs, and Greeks seek wisdom; ²³but we preach Christ crucified (κηρύσσομεν Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον), to Jews a scandal and to Gentiles (ἔθνεσιν) folly, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵Because the folly of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Luke 11 ²¹When a strong man, fully armed (καθωπλισμένος), guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²²But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor (πανοπλίαν) in which he trusted and divides his spoils.