“I Have Played the Fool”
1 Sam. 26:21

Introduction:
A. King Saul’s confession could be made by many of us today.
   1. Saul had been envious and malicious toward David.
   2. Saul had been rebellious against God.
B. Otherwise intelligent people often play the fool.
   1. Want to notice 5 areas where this is so.
   2. To help us remember them I have arranged them so each area begin with the letter “M”.

Discussion:
I. The Area of Money
   A. The rich fool (Luke 12:20)
   B. There are several ways that money can make a fool of us.
      1. By coveting it (1 Tim. 6:8-10)
      2. By hoarding of it.
         a. Like Ananis and Sapharia (Acts 5:1-11)
         b. Like Judah of old (Mal. 3:8-10)
         c. Like certain rich masters (Jas. 5:1-4)
      3. By wasting it (cf. Lk 15:13)

II. The Area of Morality
   A. David’s Immorality.
      1. With Bathsheba
      2. Against Uriah
   B. America’s immorality.
      1. By government officials.
      2. By Business people.
      3. By Church people.

III. The Area of Marriage
   A. Samson (Judges 14:1-3; Delilah)
   B. Solomon (Neh. 13:26)
   C. Herod (Matt. 14)
   D. Many today in initiating and maintaining marriage.

IV. The Area of Manners
   A. The Bible teaches basic good manners.
      1. Commands us to be courteous (1 Peter 3:8)
      2. Saul was courteous to those trying him (Acts 26:25)
   B. Our generation is experiencing an epidemic of bad manners.
      1. Bad manners of younger to older. (cf. 1 Tim. 5:1,2)
      2. Bad manners of peer to peer.
      3. Bad manners in day to day interaction with people.
      4. Bad manners at public functions.

V. The Area of the Messiah
   A. Foolish to reject the evidence - like Jews (cf. Mk. 3:22-30)
   B. Foolish to not obey him (cf. Gal. 3:1)
   C. Foolish reject his invitation - may be last chance (Foolish virgins)

Conclusion:
A. Do you need to make Saul’s confession?
B. Do not play the fool for continuing to reject the Lord’s invitation.