

Series: Summer Psalms

Text: Psalm 14:1-7

Main Idea: Fools reject God, but God rescues His people.

Title/Hook: The Atheist Delusion

Date: 6/16/24

Purpose: To show that all people are foolish because all people live as if there is no God. To show that God saves sinful fools through Jesus Christ. To call people to trust in Christ for salvation. To encourage believers that although the world rejects God and His people, He is our refuge and will bring us into eternal life.

FCF/COR: "There is none who does good, not even one."

Christ Trajectory: Romans 3:21-25 - Christ is the salvation out of Zion who saves sinful fools.

Apologetic: The brokenness in our world and in our own hearts reveals the truth that mankind has rejected their Creator.

Call to Worship: Acts 17:24-25

Benediction: 1 Timothy 1:15 - The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

Structure: Deductive

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): The difference between evildoers and the righteous.

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Evildoers reject God, are corrupt, and none does good, but God is with the righteous, he is their refuge, and he will restore their fortunes.

Exegetical Main Idea: The difference between evildoers and the righteous is that evildoers reject God, are corrupt, and none does good, but God is with the righteous, he is their refuge, and he will restore their fortunes.

Theological Main Idea: Foolish evildoers reject God, but God protects the righteous.

Homiletical Main Idea: Fools reject God, but God rescues His people.

Outline:

**Quote - Richard Dawkins** - “God, in the sense described, is a delusion; and, as later chapters will show, a pernicious delusion.”

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### 1. **We are fools (vv. 1-3)**

**Quote - Dale Ralph Davis** - “When he says in his heart ‘There is no God,’ that creed is what really drives his living and his thinking. The fool means, then, that God does not matter, He does not count. And this creed has consequences.”

**Romans 1:21-22** - 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools...

**Romans 3:9-12** - For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

**Quote - David G. Allan - David G. Allan** - “When we hear about bad things happening, especially when lives of many are lost or damaged at the hands of a few, we need to remind ourselves that people are generally good. We are hard-wired for goodness. It’s easier to recognize this fact when you think of children. Without mitigating factors, their innate goodness would not erode

with age. But goodness is not the sole virtue of the young. The vast majority of people, when faced with simple, clear ethical choices, choose good over bad and even good over neutral.”

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## 2. God is faithful (vv. 4-7)

**Deuteronomy 7:6-8** - 6 “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

**Deuteronomy 9:6** - 6 “Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.

**Romans 3:21-25** - 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith

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