

- I) V1-3 INTRO: The fool has said in his heart There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done
 - a) This psalm has been included in a category that is called Wisdom Psalms
 - 1) In it, we see David contrasting a fool with the one who is wise, who worships the Lord
- II) DAVID WRITES: The *fool* has said in his *heart* there is no God
 - a) FOOL: One who is *morally* insensible;
 - 1) This is a person who willfully disregards God and any of His commandments
 - 2) THIS: Results in his being separated from the wisdom found in God's Word
 - 3) Pr 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.
- III) HIS POINT: This disregard for God and His Word results in a corrupt life
 - a) IMPORTANT: This corruption flows from his innermost being: from his heart
 - 1) Pr 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.
 - 2) Mk 7:21-23 For from within, *out of the heart* of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man."
- IV) INTERESTINGLY: The fool is not necessarily simply an atheist
 - a) The fool is also a person who simply disregards God
 - 1) The fool may believe in many gods, or equate them all to the exclusion of the One God
- V) INTERVIEW TODAY: With the Daily Bulletin
 - a) DIANE SAWYER: 82% Christian, 1% Jewish, less than 1% Muslim, the rest undecided
 - 1) "With such diversity!" 100 people in the room, 1 Jew and 1 Muslim!
- VI) HIS POINT: When the fool believes like this, the result is corrupt, abominable lives
 - a) Their lives are devoid of absolute good
 - 1) CORRUPT: Ruined; spoiled like rotten milk or decaying flesh
 - 2) MEAT IN THE CAR TRUNK
- VII) V2 -3 THE LORD: Looks down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there are any who
 - a) God looks down to examine the hearts and actions of human beings
 - 1) As He evaluates them, He judges that there are none seeking after Him
 - 2) This is because they do not naturally pursue Him and none is doing good
- VIII) WHAT IS: The answer to such a condition
 - a) Seeing that we do not naturally seek Him, He seeks for us
 - 1) Ezek 34:12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.
 - 2) Is 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
 - 3) Mt 18:11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.
- IX) V4 HAVE: All the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread
 - a) Because they ignore that God is evaluating them, evildoers try to devour God's people
 - 1) They consider believers ignorant and weak, and they bully them whenever possible
- I) V5-6 THERE: They are in great fear, for God is with the generation of the righteous

- a) The wicked will be in terror when God acts to protect His children from them
 - 1) Mt 18:6 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
- II) V7 OH: That the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion When the Lord brings back the
 - a) David is longing for the Lord to rule and reign on earth
 - 1) His great desire is for the Lord to deliver Israel from the presence of the wicked
 - 2) Ps 2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel
 - 3) When this happens, those who love the Lord will rejoice because His honor is vindicated
- III) PS 15:1-5 Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?
 - a) IN THIS PSALM: We have an opportunity to see the qualities of someone going to heaven
 - 1) What kind of person will be in heaven
- IV) IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE: That the Bible is clear that not everybody ends up in heaven
 - a) Rev 22:14-15 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.
- V) WHAT KIND OF PERSON: Will be found in heaven
 - a) He who walks uprightly: *Blameless*, a person whose life is marked by integrity
 - 1) This is a person who lives a moral life; one who has a heart desiring to please God
 - 2) 2 Co 5:9 We make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
 - 3) Col 1:10 (I pray) that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God
- VI) HIS WALK: Will manifest itself in his words and his works
 - a) What we have here is an interesting connection between the way he thinks and acts
 - 1) Integrity is manifested by an action that is first an attitude
 - 2) Pr 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.
- VII) V3 HE: Who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he
 - a) A righteous person *loves* people
 - 1) He does not backbite: He does not gossip or slander others
 - 2) He does no evil to a neighbor
 - 3) He does not take up a reproach against his friend: this is because he is loyal to him
 - 1) Pr 16:28 A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.
 - 2) Ro 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.
- VIII) V4 IN WHOSE EYES: A vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the Lord
 - a) A vile man is one who is known for his evil life; he is what is called reprobate
 - 1) He desires and knows nothing but evil
 - 2) Pr 23:17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day;
 - 3) Pr 24:1 Do not be envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them
- I) BUT: He *honors* those who fear the Lord

- a) What you honor, or esteem or value reveals what you have as your life priority
 - 1) A good way to figure this one out is to ask yourself who your heroes are
 - 2) JANET JACKSON OR JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE
- II) HE WHO: Swears to his own hurt and does not change
 - a) A righteous person honors his pledges and agreements, even when it costs him a profit
 - 1) Pr 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches
 - 2) Eccl 7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment
- III) V5 HE: Who does not put out his money at usury nor does he take a bribe against the innocent
 - a) He does not take advantage of the one who needs help financially: Usury is high interest rates
- IV) A RIGHTEOUS PERSON: Is more inclined towards generous giving and helping others
 - a) Instead of charging high interest, they actually care for those in need
 - 1) Pr 22:22 Do not rob the poor because he *is* poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate
 - 2) Pr 19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay what he has given
 - 3) Lu 6:34-35 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the unthankful and evil.
- V) NOR: Does he take a bribe against the innocent
 - a) He cannot be bought to take the side of a guilty person
 - 1) A righteous person cares for the needy
- VI) FINALLY: He who does these things shall never be moved
 - a) Righteousness produces stability in life
 - 1) Convictions result in great acts and ultimately opens the door to dwelling with God
- VII) PS 16:1-3 PRESERVE ME: O God for in You I put my trust; O my soul, you have said to the Lord
 - a) This is a psalm filled with joy that comes through fellowship with God
 - 1) He says this in spite of the fact that he is going through a tough time in his life
- VIII) HE BEGINS: Preserve me O God for in you I put my trust
 - a) Obviously, he is going through a hard time in his life, yet he knows God will preserve him
 - 1) This is because God is worthy of his trust
 - 2) Ps 9:10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.
 - 3) Is 26:3-4 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.
- IX) V2-3 O: My soul you have said to the Lord You are my Lord my goodness is nothing apart from You
 - a) In a realistic assessment, David knows that he has no personal goodness
 - 1) Ro 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells

- I) V3 AND: To the saints who are on the earth, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight
 - a) He enjoys fellowship with likeminded people

- II) V4 THEIR SORROWS: Shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; their drink offerings
 - a) I will have nothing to do with those who do not worship you: I will not join them
 - 1) They will receive judgment for such lives and I want nothing to do with their false worship
 - 2) Ps 32:10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

- III) V5-6 YOU O LORD: Are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot
 - a) The Jews recognized the land of Israel as the blessing of God given to them
 - 1) When they entered in to the land, they were each apportioned a portion as an inheritance
 - 2) David recognizes that God is greater than the land He promised: He is his inheritance
 - 3) Eph 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance

- IV) V7-8 I WILL: Bless the Lord who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night
 - a) David blesses the Lord because he constantly guides him
 - 1) During the day, he is aware of God's presence and listens to His counsel
 - 2) Even at night, he is aware of what the Lord has taught him and has placed in his heart
 - 3) Jas 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls

- V) V8 GOD: Is at his right hand
 - a) This reveals David's dependence on God's strength to protect him
 - 1) Ps 63:8 My soul follows close behind You; Your *right hand* upholds me.

- VI) V9-11 THEREFORE: My heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope
 - a) David knows that death will not separate him from fellowship with God
 - 1) He believes in resurrection and eternal reward
 - 2) Dan 12:2 -3 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.
 - 3) Jn 5: 28-29 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation

- VII) OBVIOUSLY: This has Messianic overtones, prophesying the resurrection of Jesus
 - a) Ac 2:31-32 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.