

## THE FOOL SAYS, THERE IS NO GOD

*Psalm 14*

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Duplicate Psalm 53 with 2 changes: Psalm 53 uses the name “God” (Elohim) instead of “Jehovah” and replaces 14:6 with an addition to verse 5.

### 3 Areas that are different for the Fool verses the Believer

#### 1. THE FOOL WILLFULLY IGNORES GOD (vss. 1-3)

*<sup>1</sup> The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. <sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. <sup>3</sup> They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Psalm 14:1-3 (ESV)*

The Hebrew word for “fool”: nabal—the brutish person who is like a stubborn animal.

*“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. <sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. <sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.” Romans 1:18-28 (ESV)*

#### 2. THE FOOL WILL FEARFULLY MEET GOD (vss. 4-6)

*<sup>4</sup> “Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? <sup>5</sup> There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation*

of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.”  
**Psalm 14:4-6 (ESV)**

*When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, <sup>13</sup> and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. <sup>14</sup> The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. <sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, <sup>17</sup> for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”* **Revelation 6:12-17 (ESV)**

### **3. THE FOOL WILL JOYLESSLY LIVE WITHOUT GOD (vs. 7)**

<sup>7</sup> “Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of His people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.” **Psalm 14:7 (ESV)**

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, <sup>10</sup> as it is written:

**Paul uses Psalm 14 in a String of Pearls...**

- “None is righteous, no, not one; **(Ps, 14:1)**  
<sup>11</sup> no one understands;  
no one seeks for God. **(Ps. 14:2-3)**  
<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
no one does good,  
not even one.” **(Ps. 14:1-3 summed up)**  
<sup>13</sup> “Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive.” **Ps. 5:9**  
“The venom of asps is under their lips.” **Ps. 140:3**  
<sup>14</sup> “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” **Ps. 10:7**  
<sup>15</sup> “Their feet are swift to shed blood; **Proverbs 1:16**  
<sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,  
<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known.”  
<sup>18</sup> “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” **Ps. 36:1**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—  
<sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put

*forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. **Romans 3:9-26 (ESV)***

**Discussion Questions:**

- **What does your heart say about God?**
- **Are you living a life of joy in spite of circumstances? Explain.**
- **What can you do today in order to be ready when you meet the Lord face to face?**