

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Don't Be a Fool – Psalm 14

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of Jimmy Donaldson
2. What the Fool Says
3. How God Views the Fool
4. God's Solution for the Fool
5. Conclusion – making sure you are not the fool

Scripture Passages Referenced

- 1 Samuel 25:25 - Let not my lord regard this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him.
- Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge...
- Genesis 50:19-20 - But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.
- Acts 2:23-24 - this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - For our sake He made Him to be sin, who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
- John 1:14 - The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we have seen His glory. Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Romans 11:26 - The Deliverer will come from Zion...

Discussion Questions

- Prior to hearing this sermon, how would you define a fool? How does it correlate with the opening illustration about MrBeast?
- Why is it important to realize verse 1 goes much deeper than just a philosophical atheist?
- How does "says in his heart" help us know that this is more functional than philosophical?
- In what ways are you guilty of the folly we see in this psalm?
- In what areas of your life are you prone to functionally deny God's existence or at least His concern with what you are doing?
- How do verses 2-4 help us know that every single person is a folly outside of Christ?
- Why do you think we are prone to downplay the statement that there is no one who does good?
- What comfort can you find in verse 5 saying that God is with the generation of the righteous?
- How does the fact that God thwarts the ways of the wicked give you hope in the midst of all the evil we see in this world?
- What are some practical ways that you can take refuge in the Lord?
- How do we know that Jesus is the fulfillment of David's prayer that salvation would come out of Zion? How does Romans 11:26 help?
- Why is it crucial that we diagnose the problem correctly (human sin) especially in terms of how we define salvation?
- Are people basically good or bad? How do you know?
- How does this passage make you more thankful for Jesus?
- How does this passage grow your love for God and your desire to serve Him?