

Psalm 014 - The Fool and God's Response

Psalm 14

[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]

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1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed detestable acts; There is no one who does good.

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.

1 Fools say to themselves, "There is no God." They are corrupt and commit evil deeds; not one of them practices what is good.

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

- While this statement is true for all humankind, it may also refer to one specific individual: the Antichrist (Cf. 10:4)

2 The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of mankind To see if there are any who understand, Who seek God.

2 The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God.

2 The LORD looks down from the heavens upon humanity to see if anyone shows discernment as he searches for God.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

3 They have all turned aside, together they are corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

3 They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

3 All have turned away, together they have become corrupt; no one practices what is good, not even one.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Do all the workers of injustice not know, Who devour my people as they eat bread, And do not call upon the LORD?

4 Do all the workers of wickedness not know, Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And do not call upon the LORD?

4 Will those who do evil ever learn? They devour my people like they devour bread, and never call on the LORD.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

5 There they are in great dread, For God is with a righteous generation.

5 There they are in great dread, For God is with the righteous generation.

5 There they are seized with terror, because God is with those who are righteous.

5 There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

- Paul quotes this in Rom 3:9-26; all are of a fallen race...willful ignorance (2 Peter 3:5; Rom 1:18-28)

- God is the general and the refuge of the righteous

6 You would put to shame the plan of the poor, But the LORD is his refuge.

6 You would put to shame the counsel of the afflicted, But the LORD is his refuge.

6 You would frustrate the plans of the oppressed, but the LORD is their refuge.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge.

7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel *would come* out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of His people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores His captive people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

7 May Israel's deliverance come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

- Ps 14 identified two groups: "the workers of iniquity" (Ps 10; 12) and "the generation of the righteous"—the believing remnant (Mal 3:16-18)