

Psalm 14

Psalms 14:1 [NIV] *“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no-one who does good.”*

When the Word of God, the Christian Bible, uses the word “fool” it denotes a person who is morally deficient, **not** mentally deficient.

The true atheist is either foolish or rebelliously wicked.

Foolish because they ignore the evidence that the Creator God exists. [Please download and study our articles on this website under heading ‘*The Delusion Of Evolution*’ which seeks but fails to prove the existence of a universe without a Creator.]

Wicked because an atheist refuses to live by the truths about God and the reason for human existence that are revealed in God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

We all become atheists in practice when we rely more on ourselves for our direction in life, than on our Creator God.

The fool mentioned in this Psalm is someone who is aggressively perverse in their actions.

To speak in direct defiance of God is utterly foolish in God’s Word and in His eyes.

Romans 1:18-25 [NIV] *“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator, who is for ever praised. Amen.”*

All who teach evolution are among those who are to receive the wrath of God for it blinds people to the existence of the Creator God and robs them of the chance for salvation from eternal death.

The end result of such blindness is the degrading of human life in perverted sexual relationships that will exclude such people from the created family of God or the Kingdom of God, [Revelation 22:12-15; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:5-6].

Psalms 14:2-3 [NIV] *“The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no-one who does good, not even one.”*

The looking down from heaven is far more than a casual glance as the **Psalms 139:1-13** make very clear to us the extent of the Creator God’s knowledge of all human beings.

The Hebrew word translated “understanding” is a “wisdom” word “*sâkal*” meaning to be circumspect and prudent.

The point of these two verses is that the arrogant materialist of verse one is but an extreme example of human nature in general. Not everyone is the Nabal type aggressive fool, [1 Samuel 25:3-5, 25, 33, 39], but no-one is found to act circumspectly and prudently.

This statement is no exaggeration, since every sin implies the effrontery of supposedly knowing better than the Creator God, and the corruption of loving evil more than good.

There is a reminder of Noah's flood in the vision of the Creator God surveying the human race and finding it corrupt, [**Genesis 6:5-6**].

This condition is perennial and universal, [**Romans 3:10-12**].

The New Testament teaching on this human condition is not one of humans being reformed in some way but a new birth, [**John 3:3-8**], and the crucifixion of our human nature, [**Romans 6:1-10**].

Psalms 14:4 [NIV] *“Will evildoers never learn, those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD?”*

There is an animal-like complacency about the unconcerned exploiters and secularists of society.

Proverbs 30:20 [NIV] *“This is the way of an adulteress: She eats and wipes her mouth and says, ‘I’ve done nothing wrong.’”*

One example of this depraved society's attitude towards each other.

The reason behind this unconcerned attitude towards other human beings is the reject of a Creator God who will be their judge some day as to how they used the life He gave them and sustained all the years of their physical existence.

2 Corinthians 5:10 [NIV] *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”*

Such knowledge is a powerful influence on any person who knows and believes it, to call on the Creator God for forgiveness and help.

Psalms 14:5 [NIV] *“There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.”*

These people who have **not** called on God do **not** as yet realise the position they were in as far as their future is concerned. Their only hope is to recognise the spirit of God in the lives of those whom God is making righteous and holy like Himself, [**Romans 4:13, 16, 18-24; 1 Peter 1:15-16**].

Psalms 14:6 [NIV] *“You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.”*

The evildoers would like to put to shame the plans of the poor, the Hebrew word translated “*poor*” is “*ânîy*” meaning humble, lowly or abased.

But such people are protected and empowered by the Creator God, [**Romans 12:3; Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:1-8**].

1 Peter 5:6-7 [NIV] *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”*

This is an attitude of mind and character that is directly opposite to those who are described in the first three verses of this psalm.

Psalms 14:7 [NIV] *“Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!”*

The psalmist, David, then projects his thoughts and prayers into the future when the world held in the grip of Satan's evil power will be restored to God's intended world before sin entered into because of human rebellion against our Creator God.

Romans 12:1 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.”*

This new world can **only** start, when out of pure gratitude to God for what He has done for all humanity through His Son Jesus Christ [**John 3:16**], humans offer themselves as a “*living sacrifice*” to the Creator God, as a spiritual act of worship.

Romans 12:2 [NIV] *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

God will then re-educate their minds to think like Him and not like rebellious human beings.

Romans 8:18-19 [NIV] *“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.”*

All of God’s creation, both human and physical, are awaiting in eager expectation for a new era when the rulership of Jesus Christ and resurrected Christians will take over Satan’s destructive rule of this world, [**2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 5:9-10**].

Romans 8:20-24 [NIV] *“For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?”*

Sin of human beings, prompted by Satan, has caused all of creation, both human and physical, to fall from the perfect state in which the Creator God first formed it.

This transformation back to its original perfect state will begin at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:10, 14 [NIV] *“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.” ... “So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.”*

As we do not and **cannot** know when Jesus Christ will return [**Matthew 24:36**], it is sound advice to be fully prepared for it.