

Reflection Questions: Do I see myself or only others in *Psalm 14*? Why? Do my daily actions, choices, and habits show my belief in God? Or am I living as though God isn't really there? Have I admitted my sin and resistance to God and turned to Him for salvation?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

In all unbelief there are two things: a good opinion of one's self and a bad opinion of God.

Horatio Bonar

Left to themselves, lost people will always run away from God, never to Him.

Steven Lawson

The fool is not a rare subspecies within the human race; all human beings are fools apart from the wisdom of God.

P.C. Craigie

What a picture of our race is this! Save only where grace reigns, there is none that doeth good; humanity, fallen and debased, is a desert without an oasis, a night without a star, a dunghill without a jewel, a hell without a bottom.

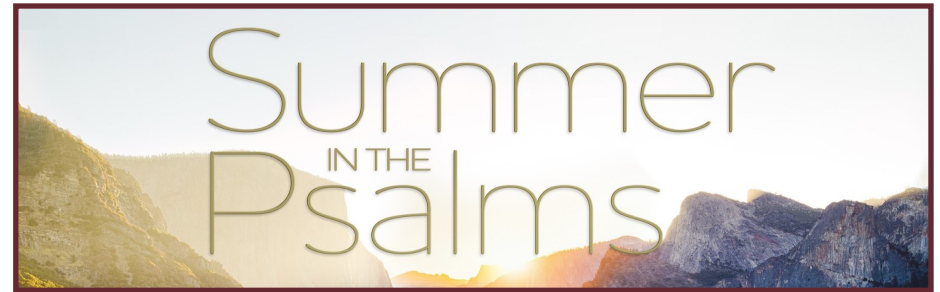
Charles Spurgeon

Left to ourselves, we would never want to find God, much less know Him. So take heart... If you want God, it is because He wants you to find Him.

Timothy Keller

The person I see in the mirror is the fool I know best.... We are all guilty of playing the fool. In countless ways we live our lives as if there is no God, and we live according to our own selfish desires.

Douglas D. Webster



Psalm 14 (and 53)

Sermon
Notes

June 25, 2023

1. The Denial of God (1)
2. The Depravity of Man (2-4)
3. The Destructiveness of Sin (5-6)
4. The Desire for Salvation (7)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Why does the Bible include two psalms (14 and 53) that are nearly identical?

What is different in these two psalms?

3. What does *Psalms 14* teach us about God?

About ourselves?

4. What is the main theme or message of *Psalms 14*?

5. Why is one who lives as if there is no God a fool (*Psalms 14:1*)?

6. Twice David writes, *there is no one who does good (Psalms 14:1, 3)*. What does this mean?

What do the following verses add to your understanding of this?

Isaiah 64:6 —

Jeremiah 17:9 —

Romans 3:9-12 —

7. How is the *fool* described in the following verses?

Psalms 74:2 —

Proverbs 17:10, 21 —

Psalms 92:5-6 —

Proverbs 18:2 —

Proverbs 10:8, 18, 23 —

Proverbs 26:11 —

Proverbs 12:15 —

Proverbs 27:22 —

Proverbs 14:16 —

Isaiah 32:6 —

Proverbs 15:5, 7 —

Luke 12:16-21 —

How do we reconcile what these verses say with *Matthew 5:21-22*?

8. What does David request from God in *Psalms 14*?

9. What similarities do you see between *Psalms 14:1-3* and *Romans 1:22-32*?

10. If mankind is universally depraved, why do some people put their faith in Jesus while others refuse to trust Him? Use Scripture.

11. How does *the salvation of Israel ... come out of Zion (Psalms 14:7)*?