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## Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Seven • Psalm 14  
**The Folly of the Fool**

### Psalm 14: The Folly of the Fool

Only a FOOL denies there is a God.

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1*

#### The Folly of the Fool

### 1. The Fool REJECTS the Reality of God!

#### The Fool's Rejection

The fool's rejection of God is a HEART problem, not an intellectual problem.

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. Psalm 14:1*

*Romans 1:18-23*

#### The Fool's Corruption

- The CHARACTER of the fool: "they are corrupt"
- The BEHAVIOR of the fool: "they do abominable deeds"
- The EXTENT of the fool: "there is none who does good"

#### God's Inspection

God looks down on humanity and finds that ALL are corrupted by sin.

*The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Psalm 14:2-3*

### 2. The Fool TROUBLES the People of God!

#### The Fool's Miscalculation

- In spiritual ignorance the fool acts WICKEDLY toward God's people.

*Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up My people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord? Psalm 14:4*

- When God shows His allegiance the fool will be gripped with TERROR.

*There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge. Psalm 14:5-6*

### 3. The Fool DISREGARDS the Salvation of God!

#### Longing for Salvation

The righteous LONG for the great day of salvation to come.

*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*

#### What's Your Bio?

Are you a "fool" who lives as if there is no God?

Are you part of the "generation of the righteous" who has been redeemed by Jesus Christ?

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:1-5*