

PSALM 14

Intro: Psalm 14 turns our attention to the reason for the breakdown of law and order: The universal depravity of man. This Psalm is almost identical with Psalm 53.

Verses 1-3

- A. See Rom. 3:10-12.
 - 1. Who is the fool? "The children of man." "There is none who does good."
 - 2. Man deliberately silences his conscience.
 - 3. See Jn. 2:23-25. Their faith was fickle. Were looking for a better life on earth.
 - 4. See Mk. 7:21-23.
- B. "The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man." Gen. 11:5; 18:21; Ps. 33:13-15.
- C. "to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God." Gen 6:5; 8:21; (again, Mk. 7:21-23); Rm. 1:18; Jn. 3:19; Jn. 7:7; Eph. 2:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:5.
- D. And so, "...all turned aside...have become corrupt...there is one who does good, not even one."

Verse 4 "...eat up my people..." An insatiable appetite to exploit and hurt others without regrets or limits. E.g., Ezek. 22:25-29; Mi.3:1-3.

Verse 5 "There they are in great terror..." - The reality will engulf them. Is. 33:14. Though Ps. 143:2 is clear, the "poor" who see their sin and are brought to faith are the righteous. Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Eph. 2:8-9.

Verse 6 "You would shame..." -see 7:14,15. The Lord is our refuge. - Ps 46:1, 10 & 11.

Verse 7 Points to the Messiah. 2 Thess. 1:5-10; Heb. 12:22; Rev. 21:1-4.

Rejoice and be Glad!