

Psalm 14:1-7
"The Fool's Creed & Conduct"

Intro: God's general revelation

-God's testimony through His creation: Gets through to every tribe, language, people, and nation.

-A profound teaching in the 2nd chapter of Romans: All people have the Law of God written on their hearts.

-God's works of providence: Testify to His existence.

-Stephen Charnock: "If there were not this sentiment of a Deity, no man would ever have made an image of a piece of wood, worshiped it, prayed to it, and said, 'Deliver me, for thou art my God.' The worship sprung from a true principle, though it was not applied to a right object."

*We must recognize that the LORD _____ the creed & _____ of the unbelieving _____ while providing refuge, salvation, and gladness for His _____ people.

-'Fool': The most frequently used word in Scripture to describe the unbeliever.

-Psalm 14: Repeated almost word-for-word in Psalm 53.

-The first part of the Psalm (verses 1-3): Sets forth the fool's creed & conduct.

-Some of the biggest fools: Highly-intelligent people who are 'always learning, but never able to acknowledge the truth.'

-Psalm 14: Does not just condemn the theoretical atheism in which someone says, 'There is no God,' but any and all practical atheism as well.

-Verses 2-3: Great proof texts for the natural man's total depravity and total inability.

-The second part of the Psalm (verses 4-7): The LORD's terror upon the fools and His blessings upon His afflicted people.

-The folly of fools: Seen in how 'they do not call on the LORD.'

-The folly of fools: Seen in their imagining that they can get away with their persecution of the godly.

-The terrors that God at times sends upon the wicked now: Pale in comparison with the terror that will fall upon the wicked with the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Personal Application: