

Message Notes for January 21, 2024

Message Series: Psalm 14—The Fool Says in their Heart there is no God

Message Title: No, not one

Psalm 14 is almost _____ to Psalm 53, with some minor differences.

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

Psalm 14:1 NIV

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind

to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. Psalm 14:2 NRSV

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;

there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Psalm 14:3 NRSV

Do all these evildoers know nothing?

They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the Lord.

Psalm 14:4 NIV

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

Psalm 14:5 NRSV

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

Psalm 14:6 NRSV

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Psalm 14:7 NIV

What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all!

For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles
alike are all under the power of sin.

As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one;

Romans 3:9-10 NIV

there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.

All have turned away, they have together become worthless;

there is no one who does good, not even one.” Romans 3:11-12
NIV

The 1st half of Psalm 14 reminds us of the _____
of the sinfulness of humanity.

The 2nd half of it reminds us that sin does not have the _____.

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.
There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and all are justified freely by his grace
through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:22-24 NIV

But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets
witnessed to all those years has happened. The God-setting-things-right that we
read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us.

And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him.

For there is no difference between us and them in this.

Since we’ve compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and
proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us,
God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself.
A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where he always
wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:21-24 MES

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;
God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

I Corinthians 1:27 NIV

But God has opened the eyes of those called to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles,
to see that Christ is the mighty power of God to save them;

Christ himself is the center of God’s wise plan for their salvation.

This so-called “foolish” plan of God is far wiser than the wisest plan of the wisest
man, and God in his weakness—Christ dying on the cross—is far stronger

than any man.

I Corinthians 1:24-25 LIV