

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 14 – The Man without God

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 14

Introduction

Similar Passages – Psalm 12:1 – 4; Psalm 53; Romans 3:9 – 18

57 Psalms are addressed to “the chief musician”, which indicates that these psalms were not intended for private use, but rather they were to be sung in a great assembly.

Today, many believers are content to keep to themselves – not to gather together in local assemblies – ekklesias – churches.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." - (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Not all of these Psalms are Psalms or songs of praise, either. Just as today, not all of the spiritual songs and hymns are to be praise songs. Our songs could be songs of lament, as well; and songs that teach doctrine.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." - (Colossians 3:16)

This Psalm is about the fool – the atheist – the man without God. The atheist makes his claim that God doesn't exist, because if God did exist, he would have to submit himself to Him, which he refuses to do.

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." - (John 3:19)

I His Animosity for God (vs. 1 - 3)

Vs 1 – the word for fool is “nabal” – remember Nabal

Notice that the fool starts this process in his heart.

"And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:" - (Matthew 15:16-19)

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." - (Luke 6:45)

By the way, since it is a heart issue, the best way to deal with it is at an heart level; not a head level.

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." - (1 Corinthians 1:18)

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
(1 Corinthians 1:21)

No sane man is ever an atheist. The sane man will remain undecided until he considers all of the facts. He may state that he is not sure, but to come to a dogmatic conclusion is simply not rational.

No – the atheist is really a believer that hates God, and is on a campaign against Him.

See Romans 1:18 – 32

Vs. 2 – “the Lord looked down from Heaven ... to see”

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence

through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." - (Genesis 6:11-13)

See Genesis 18:16 – 21

Vs. 3 – notice the threefold negative – all; altogether; none

II His Assault Against God's People (vs. 4 – 6)

Vs. 4 – People who hate God hate the people of God, because they cannot get to God directly.

Vs. 5 – “there were they in great fear” - The “atheist” does not like to be around the generation of the righteous.

Pilate feared Jesus

Herod feared John the Baptist

Haman hated and feared Mirdecai

Vs. 6 – “shamed” – The atheist does everything in his power to refute the “counsel of the poor” – his trust in God.

III His Ultimate Annihilation (Vs. 7)

The day will come when God will deliver his people from the counsel and the attacks of God's enemies.

See Revelation 19:11 – 16; 20:11 - 15