

**PSALM 14**  
**“The Fool”**

- 1. The Fool says in his heart (“mind, inner man”), “[There is] no God.”**
  - a. They are corrupt (“rotten, perverted,” “ruined,” “corrupted”). (Prv 19:3)
  - b. Their deeds are vile (“abominable,” “detestable,” “vile,” “abhorrent”). (Rom 10:1-4)
  - c. There is no one who does good. (Ecc 7:20, Is 5:19)
  
- 2. The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see (“look at,” “inspect,” “consider”) if there are any who understand, any who seek God. (Is 53:6, 59:1-8)**
  - a. All (“the whole burrito”) have turned aside (“departed,” “turned”) .
  - b. They have together become corrupt (“morally tainted”);
  - c. there is no one, who does good, not even one. (Rom 3:9-20)
  
- 3. Will (“do”) evildoers never learn-those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the Lord?**
  - a. There they are, overwhelmed (“terror”) with dread (“fear,” “trembling,” “awe”), for God is present in the company of the righteous.
  - b. [You evildoers] frustrate (“put to shame”) the plans of the poor (“poor,” “afflicted”), but the Lord is their refuge. *Now we can see the character and nature of those that prompted David to write this. They seem to profess faith and “run their own program.” (Ps 78:36-37, Pr 26:23, Mk 7:6) The outcome is judgment and destruction - and emptiness (Ps 94, Is 46).*
  
- 4. Oh that (“grant that”) salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people (“captive people”) let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!**

***How foolish to profess faith in God and yet to live apart from Him.  
Mere profession cannot save us - it does bring us into judgment.***