WHEN FOOLS SPEAK

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**TEXT: Psalm 14:1-7; Romans 1:19, 20**

**INTRODUCTION**

As we study the Word of God, we must place the emphasis where God places the emphasis

The message of **Psalm 14** is found not once; but 3 times in the Word of God

The **14th Psalm** is repeated in **Psalm 53** and again in the NT in **Romans 3:10-18**

I think God is trying to get a point across

I want you note the first 4 words of this Psalm

***“The fool hath said …”***

It’s one thing for you or I to call someone a fool

But when God calls a man a fool, we need to take notice

Notice the boldness of the fool, as he speaks

And as he speaks, we are able to identify him

The fool thinks he can say whatever he wants

The Word of God tells us who these fools are

-- **Proverbs 14:9 – *“Fools make a mock at sin”***

Sin wrecks lives, ruins homes, and destroys families

But fools make light of it!

Fools Mock Sin!

-- **Luke 12:16-20** – We have the parable of a Rich man

**v.20 – *“But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee …”***

God’s Word teaches that the man, who only lives for this life, thinks nothing of the world to come, makes no eternal investment, and does not trust Christ with his soul is a fool

Fools Live only for this Life!

-- **Matthew 7:24-29 –** We have the illustration of 2 men building their homes

The one built his house upon the rock, it stood

The Fool built his house upon the sand, it fell

God’s Word says that those who hear His Word and obey are wise, but those who hear and don’t obey are foolish!

**James 1:22 – *“But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves”***

Fools are hearers only!

Let’s look together at this Psalm and see what it says about the Fool

**~~~Prayer~~~**

First, we see …

**I. THE “ATHEISM” OF A FOOL – v.1a; Romans 1:19-22**

**A. The Words a Fool Speaks – v.1**

According to **Ps. 14:1**, the Fool speaks and says –

***“There is no God”***

This is Atheism

We are living in a day when people say that the more intelligent society becomes …

The less we can know for sure

However, there is nothing intelligent about denying the existence of God

It troubles me that those who have influence, use it to turn the heart of the young away from the Truth

According to **James 2:19** even the Demons know better

***“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble”***

When a man declares there is no God, he is worst off then the Demons

That’s pretty bad / wicked

**B. The Path a Fool Follows – Romans 1:19-22 …**

In **Romans 1,** we discover the Path that the Fool has followed

We learn that every human being, through the Witness of our conscience and creation, knows there is a God

**v. 19 – *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in [obvious to] them; for God hath shewed it unto them”***

**II Peter 3:5 – *“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth”***

A Fool disregards the light of conscience and of creation and says, ***“There is no God”*** or **No God!**

The Atheist is determined to rid his mind of the knowledge of God!

**THE “ATHEISM” OF A FOOL**

**II. THE “AFFECTIONS” OF A FOOL – v. 1b**

Does a Fool have Affections? Does he care?

If so, what does a man who says there is no God care about?

Our text continues to tell us in **v.1b**, it says –

***“…They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good”***

**Matthew 15:19 –** ***“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts”*** / the intellect, emotions and will

**Proverbs 23:7 – *“For as he thinketh in his heart…”***

Again in **Romans 1** when men deny God …God declares them to be Fools

**v.22 – *“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools”***

We notice then that they proceed immediately into Abominable Behavior

**vs. 23-32 …**

Abominable – *loathsome, extremely repugnant or offensive*

Their affections are turned toward things that are extremely offensive to God

Atheism goes hand in hand with the Abominable behavior

The type of behavior that is so prevalent throughout our society today

*Immorality is always preceded by idolatry*

In America it’s Covetousness – the worship of things

Which has lead to Hedonism - the pursuit of pleasure; sensual self-indulgence

The fixed moral standard is gone

We live in the age of Relativism, [No absolutes]

People have given up on what is decent and holy

The Unbeliever shouts – *“I will do what I think is right” “I will behave the way I want” “I am my own god, I am my own boss” “I make the rules”*

The world says –

-- *“We are going to have better lives, we are more enlightened”*

-- *“We are the most intelligent generation that has ever lived”*

-- *“We have more information then past generations”*

**If** we are living in the most intelligent, most enlightened age in the history of humanity …

Then why do we see so such immorality?

It’s because the affections of people who say there is no God have turned to the Abominable things

All restraint is removed

Atheism does not build strong lives

Atheism does not make a nation stronger

**THE “ATHEISM” OF A FOOL**

**THE “AFFECTIONS” OF A FOOL**

Abominable Thinking Leads to

… Abominable Behavior

**III. THE “ACTIONS” OF A FOOL – vs. 2 – 4**

What are the Actions of a Fool?

***“The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God” “They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that does good, no, not one” “Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up My people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD”***

The actions of a Fool take a particular direction

You would think that the Atheist would say –

*“Don’t bother me and I won’t bother you”*

They may talk that way, but that’s not the way they act

**Vs. 2 – 4** tells us now they behave

**A. What Direction Fools go –v. 2, 3**

God is substantiating what has been said in **v. 1**

**v.2 – *“The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God”*** [but…]

**v. 3 – “*They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that does good, no, not one”***

**1. *“they are all gone aside”[departed]* – v.3a**

When confronted with the Truth, a choice has to be made

Again according to **Romans 1:19** we all know what is right

***“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in [obvious to] them; for God hath shewed it unto them”***

The existence of God is made real

**Romans 1:20 *– “For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”***

The Truth is …Not everyone turns aside

But we are not talking about everyone

We are talking about the Fool!

What Direction does the Fool go?

He deliberately turns aside / He departs from God

And in so doing …

**2. *“they are all together become filthy:”***

***“all’*** - What would describe one would describe everyone

***“there is none”***

Everyone who departs from God is a Fool

And Every Fool Departs from God

And he will become ***“filthy”*** / Morally degenerate

I can almost guarantee you that everyone who has said No to God is reprobate (morally reprehensible)

**3. *“there is none that does good, no, not one”***

Not one of these Fools does right!

**B. Who the Fool targets – v.4**

***“Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up My people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD”***

They target the people of God

***“who eat up My people”***

They want to eat up and destroy God’s children

The illustration of Stephen

**Acts 7:54, 57 – *“When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth” “Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord”***

They don’t like what you stand for, because it reminds them of who they really are!

But what will happen is … as they try to eat us up

They will bite down on something hard

They will have their jaws stopped by God

It’s like having a rock in your food

But this Rock is Jesus Christ!

Look at **vs. 3 & 4** again …

God says – *“Don’t they understand anything” “Don’t they know that I am going to step in when they start trying to destroy my children?”*

**v. 5 – *“There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous”***

**CONCLUSION –**

**THE ANSWER FROM GOD – vs. 6, 7**

***“You have shamed the counsel of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge” “Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD brings back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad”***

How does God Answer a Fool?

Foolish people have been around a long time

It may seem has though he has not been answered

But notice **v.7 – *“Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!”***

The Salvation of Israel is the Coming of Jesus Christ

What is God’s Answer to these Fools?

It is the Coming of Jesus Christ

The Fool will keep on speaking, but we know the answer

The Answer is Jesus Christ

**THE “ATHEISM” OF A FOOL**

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