

Men of Unity 2017
A Psalm For Every Season
"Only a Fool Denies God"
Psalm 14

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The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.
(Psalm 14:1)

I. Fool's Dismiss God

- a. How many times have you heard someone say, "She'd be a fool to take him back." or "You're a bigger fool than I thought you were." or "Boy was I a fool to believe that."
- b. It true that no one wants to be a fool or play the fool. There is one thing to act foolishly and another to be a fool.
- c. *Nabal* means "fool" in Hebrew is mentioned 5 times in Psalms and denotes stupid, wicked person.
- d. "There is no God" is a statement of defiance similar to saying, "I don't care about God." (Proverbs 30:20) Biblical "fools" are not "dumb", but they lack to desire to know the wisdom of God.
- e. *Dismiss* means to treat as unworthy of serious consideration or deliberately cease to think about.
- f. Those who say "There is no God" do not necessarily lacking normal intelligence. However, they lack spiritual wisdom and insight.
- g. According to Psalm 14, whoever is not a believer is a fool. (vv.2-3)
 1. God is not into name calling but truth telling. Some people will suppress the truth about God .
- h. If a fool rejects the existence of God, they will also reject godly wisdom. (Prov 1:7)
- i. Simply stated, a fool is person who refuses to listen to truth and do right.
- j. Read Romans 1:18-23 - The fools are those who go after unrighteousness and deny wisdom.
- k. The Old and New Testaments declare that God has revealed Himself in the natural world.
 1. Everything we can know about God, apart from the Bible, can be discovered in creation.
- l. Dismissing and denying God's existence is no major surprise to the Creator.

II. The Fool's Foolish Game

- a. To say that God does not exist is what we call an absolute statement. For that statement to be true, you would need absolute knowledge.
- b. "Sinners can't find God for the same reason criminals can't find policemen, they aren't looking."
- c. "Fools" are self-righteous and don't want or need God. They want to live their lives the way they please.
- d. A fool's approach to sin: 1) the fool takes sin lightly; 2) sin is deceitful and progressive.
- e. The fool mocks the wisdom of God and those that believe, which causes frustration for caring believers.

III. Thought to Consider: What should our actions be toward the fool?

- a. In Matthew 5:22, Jesus said, "Don't ever call anybody a fool. To do so is in danger of hell fire."
- b. You are not going to win them over by name calling.
- c. Speak the truth in love. Defend what you believe, but do not argue.
- d. Don't give an inch. Stand on the Word of God. Know when to be silent. (Prov 26:4-5)
- e. Use grace in dealing with fools remembering what you once were foolish. Titus 3:3
- f. Christians are saved by grace and our sins are forgiven, but this does not mean that we can have a light view of sin. (Hebrews 3:13)
- g. Stay faithful. Be a witness of the God's wisdom in a foolish world.