

## PSALM 14: THE CREED AND CONFUSION OF ATHEISM

The Hebrew word here for *fool* is '*nabal*' (I Samuel 25:25). Moses uses this word to describe the people of God who do not appreciate the Lord's benefits (Deuteronomy 32:6).

### A. THE PRINCIPLE OF ATHEISM: VS. 1

"*God is not*" is the creed of the atheist. This is not so much that God does not exist as it is saying "*no God for me.*" The devils believe, but will not acknowledge Him. See Luke 19:14.

### B. THE PRACTICE OF ATHEISM: V.'S 2-4

#### a. Corrupt, (Verses 1-2)

Notice the universality of total depravity in the words of verse 1; *Heart, corrupt, works, none.* See Romans 1:21-22.

#### b. Contemptible (Verse 3)

"*Filthy*" morally corrupt, despicable and vile. Thomas Watson said; "*Call wicked men ever so bad, you can't call them by their name.*" (Matthew 7:6; 3:7; John 6:70)

#### c. Conceited, (Verse 4)

There is no greater activity for dependent man, than the activity of prayer. The arrogance of the atheist refuses to "*call upon the LORD.*"

### C. THE PROBLEM OF ATHEISM: V.'S 5-6

#### a. An Inherent Inconsistency

The word '*fool*' does not speak of one with a sincere conviction, but one who is in defiance (Ecclesiastes 3:11;), hence there is that fear in his heart (verse 5). The atheist, no matter what his tongue says, knows in his heart that there is a God, but he is defiant. His heart is a "*house divided against itself*" (Matthew 12:25).

#### b. An Infuriating Inability

The godly man finds a refuge in the Lord that the atheist cannot penetrate, try as he may. The Church is an impregnable rock (Matthew 16:18)! For thousands of years biblical Christianity has remained unchanged and secular humanists are a frustrated people.

### D. THE PRAYER FOR ATHEISM: VS. 7

What could convince the atheist, and overthrow sin but the coming of the "*salvation of Israel.*" Christ is the only answer for Atheism.