February 1 PSALMS 14

VERSE 1-3

1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;

there is none who does good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,

to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

3 They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;

there is none who does good,

not even one.

Truly it is only folly that leads one to conclude there is no God.

"That which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power, and divine nature have been CLEARLY seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." - Rom. 1:19-20

In a world dominated by the notion that their good works will outweigh their bad, Psalm 14:1-3 levels this notion with the declaration that there is no one good, and no one who does good. This is due to the fact that a sinner, until transformed by Christ, does every action out of a heart corrupted by sin.

"All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away." -Isaiah 64:6 "No one is good except God alone." - Luke 18:19

Further expounded is the fact that those who seek God cannot even take credit for this, as apart from God's intervention, "there is no one who seeks God" (Psalm 14:2).

"For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." - Philippians 2:13

VERSE 4-6

4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?5 There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

6 You would shame the plans of the poor,

but the LORD is his refuge.

The same people who deny the clear existence of God because of their foolishness, also foolishly overlook His absolute power in avenging their attacks against His people.

God comes through every time for His own!

"The righteous cry and the LORD hears and saves them out of ALL their troubles." - Psalm 34:17

In case there was ever any doubt, the enemy would for sure overtake us - every time - if not for God's intervention when His own hide in Him (Ps. 14:6)!

VERSE 7 7 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,

let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

For all those things yet unresolved in our lives, and for which we are still waiting on God...The future is sure!

"But the path of the righteous is like the first light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day." - Prov. 4:18

"How blessed is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion!...They go from strength to strength." - Psalm 84:5-7