

The Man in the Mirror Psalms
Lesson 2: Psalm 14 & 53

Introduction:

These two Psalms are almost verbatim, but there are some differences. The biggest difference may be the subtlest. We want to take the time to focus on the fools, righteous and the LORD/God.

Instructions:

Circle what the **fools** say or do

Square what the **LORD/God** says or does

Underline what the **righteous** say or do

[Psa 14:1-7 ESV] 1 To the choirmaster:

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.

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.

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.

[Psa 53:1-6 ESV] 1 To the choirmaster:

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

They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity;
there is none who does good.

2 God 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 fallen away; together they have
become corrupt; there is none who does good,
not even one.

4 Have those who work evil no knowledge, who
eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not
call upon God?

5 There they are, in great terror, where there is
no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who
encamps against you; you put them to shame, for
God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of
Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his
people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Questions to Consider:

1. Of all Psalms, why might this one be recorded twice?
2. Why is this quoted in the New Testament? (Romans 3:10-12)
3. What other times did God look down on the children of men to "see"?
4. What lessons should Christians take away from this Psalm?