

Corruption Declaration

Psalms of David · Book I

"For the choir director, of David"

PICTURE WORD

Fool

IN ONE SENTENCE

*he fool says there is no God, and all have turned bad, yet God shelters the poor and brings salvation from Zion.***Remember it:** Psalm Fourteen: the fool says "no God," but God is with the righteous.

MEMORY VERSE

The fool says in his heart
 "There is no God"
 They are corrupt
 their deeds are abominable
 there is no one who does good

Psalm 14:1 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

נָבִיל

"fool" · verse 1

In the Psalms: five times, in 4 psalms

נָבִיל, "fool," does not mean someone with low intelligence. It means someone morally and spiritually senseless, who lives as if God does not matter. In 1 Samuel 25 a man named Nabal fits his name: his own wife says folly is with him.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-3 The fool denies God, and the LORD finds no one good.
- 4-6 Evildoers devour God's people, but God stands with the righteous.
- 7 A longing for salvation to come out of Zion.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 1-3 → **Romans 3:10-12** There is none righteous, no, not one.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 14 in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/14.**Didactic.** Preached: a teaching psalm, a sermon meant to be heard, not sung.

The Two Ways

Zion & the House of God

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The _____ says there is no God, and all have turned bad, yet God shelters the _____ and brings salvation from _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does the fool say in his heart?

(A) "There is no God"

(B) "God is good"

(C) "I am wise"

(D) "I need help"

2. What was the LORD looking for when he looked down from heaven?

(A) Gold and silver

(B) Strong armies

(C) Anyone who understood and sought God

(D) A new king

3. Who is the refuge of the poor?

(A) The king

(B) The wise

(C) Their neighbors

(D) Yahweh

TALK IT OVER

1. How do verses 1 and 3 describe the whole human race?

2. What does it mean that "God is in the generation of the righteous"?

3. How can a person believe in God with their mouth but say "no God" with their life?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 14 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 1 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: fool · poor · Zion · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 1) · 2. C (v. 2) · 3. D (v. 6)