

SONGS of the *Messiah*

JESUS CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

I. INTRODUCTION - PSALM 14 IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

A. This Psalm is used to introduce the Gospel in Romans 3.

1. God is angry about sin.
2. Sin is a universal problem.
3. The gospel, good news, is that God has stepped in.

II. PSALM 14 IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. The condition of mankind - Psalm 14:1

1. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God".
 - a. This is not speaking of a philosophic atheist.
 - b. The 'fool' here - A person who does not think carefully about their actions
 - c. The fool is not promoting atheism.
 - (1) Says in his "heart"
2. The result of the inward outlook
 - a. Wrong actions - sin
 - b. Failure to do good
3. Conclusion - No one (emphatically) does good.

Psalm 14:1

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

They are corrupt, they have
committed abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.

B. The search of God - Psalm 14:2

1. The Lord looked down from heaven upon mankind.

- a. God was interested.
- b. God made a search.

2. The aim of God's search

- a. To see if there are "any who understand"

- (1) Anyone who is thinking clearly
- (2) Anyone who understands what is important in life

- b. Acting with understanding is equated with "seek after God".

- (1) People were created to fellowship with God.
- (2) Wisdom is giving yourself to the purpose of your creation.

3. Conclusion of the search - Psalm 14:3

- a. No one is acting with understanding.
- b. All are practical atheists.

C. The Ultimate Solution - Psalm 14:7

1. "Oh, that salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!"

2. God is always coming with salvation.

- a. He came to consider the situation.
- b. He came in His Son to make salvation.
- c. He comes by His Spirit to urge and enable us to be saved.

Psalm 14:2

The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

Psalm 14:3

They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Psalm 14:7

Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores His captive people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.