

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 14
A Psalm About the Wicked

Poetry conveys great thoughts in few words.

Psalm 14 and 15 contrast theological truths about **THE WICKED and THE RIGHTEOUS**
Contrast of **PSALM ONE**

STRUCTURE: Two Stanzas of 3 verses. Conclusions

I. The Description of the Wicked. 14:1-3

A. Their standing

1. FOOL = *Moral failure*. “Nabal” (Ps 14:1; 53:1). “Keseel” used in
 - a. Psalm 49:10 (Psalm 49:10, NIV) "For all can see that wise men die; the foolish and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others."
 - b. (Proverbs 10:23, NIV) "A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom."
 - c. (Proverbs 17:10, NIV) "A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool."

B. Their words “There is no God”

1. MORAL foolishness.
 - a. “Carry on sinning”
 - b. Alex Leonovich. O’HARE at Moscow book fair. “Hear for the soul, 189.
2. LOGICAL foolishness.
 - a. “There are no absolutes”
 - b. NEITHER God’s existence nor the non-existence can be empirically proven, BUT it is LOGICALLY impossible to say that there is NO GOD (no one has been to the edge of the universe). It IS LOGICALLY POSSIBLE to say that there IS A GOD based on the observation of evidence.
3. ONTOLOGICAL foolishness. It is necessary to believe in ETERNAL matter or an ETERNAL being.

C. Their deeds. 1:1

D. Their total depravity. 1:2-3. **Romans 3:9-18**

II. The DESTINY of the wicked. 14:4-6.

A. “They are overwhelmed with dread”

1. Fear of the “religious right”
2. Christmas carols
3. “Straight” T-shirts
4. AFA Journal “Bible Inappropriate”

- B. Atheism ALWAYS results in poverty.
 - 1. Communism
 - 2. Islam
 - 3. On a PERSONAL SCALE -
 - a. Addiction
 - b. Abuse
 - c. Inner cities- moral decay

III. The Deliverance of the RIGHTEOUS. 14:7

IV.