

THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD

Psalms 14

TRACING THE WORKS OF THE WICKED Psalms 10-12

1. With reference to the poor
 - a. The wicked in their pride persecute the poor Psalm 10:2
 - b. He murders the innocent and the poor Psalm 10:8-10
 - c. They oppress the poor Psalm 12:5
2. With reference to other wicked men

He blesses the greedy Psalm 10:3
3. With reference to himself / themselves
 - a. He is full of pride Psalm 10:2
 - b. He boasts of his heart's desire Psalm 10:3
 - c. He has a proud countenance Psalm 10:4
 - d. His ways are always prospering Psalm 10:5
 - e. He says to himself Psalm 10:6
 - i. He will never be moved
 - ii. He will never be in adversity
 - f. They speak proud things Psalm 12:3-4
 - i. They will prevail with what they say
 - ii. Their lips are their own
 - iii. God is not lord over them and their words
 - g. The wicked prowl on every side Psalm 12:8
 - h. Vileness is exalted Psalm 12:8
4. With reference to God
 - a. He renounces the Lord Psalm 10:3
 - b. He does not seek God Psalm 10:4
 - c. God is in none of his thoughts Psalm 10:4
 - d. He speaks in his heart Psalm 10:11
 - i. That God has forgotten
 - ii. He hides his face

- iii. He will never see
 - e. He has said in his heart that he does not need to be accountable to God Psalm 10:13
- 5. With reference to the word of God

God's word is far from his sight Psalm 10:5
- 6. With reference to what he says Psalm 10:7
 - a. His mouth full of cursing, deceit and oppression
 - b. His tongue is trouble and iniquity
- 7. With reference to upright

The wicked seek to kill them Psalm 11:2
- 8. The Lord will bring judgment on the wicked
 - a. God hates the wicked who loves violence Psalm 11:5
 - b. He will bring judgment on them Psalm 11:6

THEOLOGY OF EVIL (A SUMMARY OF THE WICKEDNESS OF MEN)

1. The foolishness of the wicked

The fool has said in his heart,

"There is no God."

They are corrupt,

They have done abominable works,

There is none who does good." Psalm 14:1

- a. The fool
 - i. He said in his heart
 - ii. He believes that there is no living God
- b. A group of fools
 - i. They are corrupt within
 - ii. Their actions without
 - a) Abominable works
 - b) None does good

2. The Lord's omniscience and the sinfulness of the people of the world

"The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men,

To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

They have all turned aside,

They have together become corrupt;

*There is none who does good,
No, not one.” Psalm 14:2-3*

- a. The omniscience of the Lord God
 - i. The fools says in his heart that is no real God
 - ii. In reality, there is a God who is the Lord
 - iii. He looks down from heaven
- b. David’s collective conclusion - No one good in this world
 - i. They have all turned aside
 - ii. They have all together become corrupt
 - iii. There is none who does good

3. No knowledge of God

*“Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And do not call on the Lord?
There they are in great fear...” Psalm 14:4-5*

- a. A rhetorical question
- b. All workers of iniquity
 - i. They have no knowledge of God...His word ...knowledge of good and evil
 - ii. They eat up David’s own people like bread
 - iii. They do not call upon the Lord
- c. They will end up with great fear

GOD’S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RIGHTEOUS

*“There they are in great fear, for God is with the generation of the righteous.
You shame the counsel of the poor but the Lord is his refuge.*

*Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When the Lord brings back the captivity of His people,
Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.” Psalm 14:5-7*

- 1. God see all things
- 2. God is standing by the generation of the righteous
 - a. Those are those who live righteously
 - b. They belong to the generation of the righteous
 - c. The Lord’s presence is with them

2. God is refuge
 - a. The wicked may shame the counsel of the poor
 - b. But God will be his refuge
3. God is Saviour
 - a. Hope
 - i. That salvation would come out of Zion
 - ii. That the Lord brings back the captivity of His people
 - b. Let all rejoice and be glad

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Having a deeper knowledge of the wicked and their end
2. Seeking God as our refuge
 - a. He will stand with those are righteous and faithful
 - b. We can find in Him as our refuge even for the poor
3. Finding hope and joy in the Lord and His help