

Psalm 14 & 53

The Dangers of Turning Away from God

When the world says, "There is no God," corruption consumes it — but those who trust in the Lord will find refuge, wisdom, and salvation in Him alone. "[The saints] live in a world in which fools do indeed act and speak as if 'there is no God.' It is a world in which sin abounds and in which the perpetrators of evil habitually destroy the righteous as if they were merely eating bread. Yet in the midst of this present evil world, made cruel by sin, the saints look upward and wait for the 'salvation' that comes from Zion...That Savior was Jesus. So now, we who live on the after side of his coming look back to him as the one who alone delivers us from sin. We put our faith in him and his work, rather than in our own works, as the basis of our salvation. And we look forward to his second coming too, knowing that in that day sin will be punished, good will be rewarded, and the folly of those who have lived as if there is no God will be revealed." (Boice)

- I. Pride was the sin that brought down Satan, and it remains the root of all evil, from ancient idolatry to modern rebellion. Humanity knows that God exists, but pride leads man to reject the truth of God's existence. In his arrogance, man exalts himself above his Creator, choosing to live as though God does not exist. This rebellion against truth begins the path to self-destruction. "People 'suppress the truth' about God by or because of their 'godlessness and wickedness.' This means that they try to live without God because they do not like him. Everything about him is an offense to them. He is sovereign; they are not, though they wish they could be. He is holy; they are not. His holiness is a condemnation of their sin. He is omniscient; they are not. They find his knowledge of them to be unsettling. He is 'love' they are filled with hatred. He is gracious; they are ungracious. He is wise; they are foolish. They are so foolish that they suppress what they really do know about him and cry, often with great heat and sometimes even with great sophistication, 'There is no God' ...The result is corruption." (Boice)

Psalm 14:1 / 53:1
Romans 1:18-23, 28-32
Romans 2:14-15
Romans 3:23
Ecclesiastes 7:20
Isaiah 64:6

- II. The Frightening result of sin is that when man rejects God, corruption spreads like a virus to all parts of society and sin becomes systemic. What began as pride in the heart ends in perversion in the world. Sin leads to moral decay, oppression, and the godless control of institutions. Sin unchecked always produces bondage, which can be mental, spiritual, and even physical slavery. This is not at all what God intended for His creation. In Noah's day, this led to an organic corruption of the flesh, namely the Nephilim, so horrific that it required God's intervention with the flood to rectify. Today, there is a technological corruption of the flesh that seeks to redefine humanity. AI-driven deception to replace God, economic domination (Central Bank Digital Currencies – CBDCs) to enslave the population, and transhumanism's quest to "upgrade" humanity are the technological fruit of hearts that no longer fear God. This reflects the same arrogance seen in Noah's day. We are again pridefully saying, "No God for me — we can be our own gods."

Psalm 14:2-4 / 53:2-4

Proverbs 14:12

Genesis 6:4-5

Matthew 24:37

Revelation 9:20-21

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

2 Timothy 3:1-9

Revelation 13:14-17

- III. Though the world grows darker, God remains the refuge of the righteous. In every generation, God preserves a faithful remnant who refuse to bow to the idols of this age. The Salvation that "comes out of Zion" was fulfilled in Christ, who redeems fools and turns them into saints. While the proud trust in their power, the saints trust in the promises of God. While the world seeks salvation through technology, wealth, and self-exaltation, the believer rests in the finished work of Jesus Christ. The wise know that our hope is not in human advancement, but that only faith in Christ can deliver us from the corruption of this world and the coming judgment. The same Lord who rescued Noah from the flood and Lot from Sodom will one day rescue His people from a world consumed by pride and rebellion. Christ will return from Zion to overthrow the Beast, redeem the faithful remnant, and establish His kingdom of righteousness forever. Until that day, our call is to stand firm, to walk humbly with our God, to shine as lights in the darkness, and to find refuge not in the systems of man but in the sovereignty of our Savior.

Psalm 14:5-7 / 53:5-6

Revelation 6:15-17

Job 42:10-13

Romans 1:24-28

Romans 2:12

1 Corinthians 1:26-31