

Evening Sermon Outline – January 20, 2019

“The Fool’s Creed - Atheism” Psalm 14

I. *It is his wrong thinking that starts him sinking*

The fool has said in his heart, “*There is no God.*” Psalm 14:1 A

1. *The Fool - נבל Nabal – futile, worthless, good-for-nothing, stupid, unbeliever!*

A. *Many of the puritans reference the fact that the Hebrew word for fool has at its root a word that means a wilting flower, therefore an atheist is a wilting rose, a person without life and / or beauty!*

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8

A. *The atheist is a fool because he fights what is obvious – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1*

... in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27 B Now people miss this???↑

“The sun is not so clear as this truth, that God is, for all things in the world are because God is.”

Richard Sibbes

B. *He preaches in his heart, his innermost being, saying– “**there is no God.**”*

A. *It is something he tells himself, something he lives by, his credenda, creed becomes his agenda, meaning it ultimately shows and overflows into all he does –*

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. Matthew 15:19

B. *We in America today are witnessing the fruits which grow from a creed of atheism, we took God and the Bible out of our*

schools and government, and God has judged us, giving us up to a debased mind –

And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1:28-32

C. *Like the ostrich, God has deprived many of us of wisdom, and so we no longer care for or protect our unborn, but we destroy them in the womb –*

“The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,

But are her wings and pinions *like the* kindly stork’s? (*Storks care for and nurture their young, they protect their eggs*)

For she leaves her eggs on the ground, And warms them in the dust; She forgets that a foot may crush them, Or that a wild beast may break them. She treats her young harshly, as though *they were* not hers; Her labor is in vain, without concern, Because God deprived her of wisdom, And did not endow her with understanding. Job 39:13-17

Why such a sad sermon? Not because atheism is intelligent but because they embrace sin and run from God -

“I suppose the reason we leapt at the Origin of Species (Darwin’s book) was because the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores.” Julian Huxley

II. *Where does the fool’s creed (atheism) lead?*

1. *Personal and powerful corruption, rotting - They are corrupt, Psalm 14:1 B*

A. *This corruption is the lot of all the children of Adam, it is caused by sin, sin is moral rot –*

but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” Genesis 2:17

B. This corruption has impacted our world –

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

C. Atheism is corruption’s speed –

“Wisdom is better than strength. Nevertheless the poor man’s wisdom is despised, And his words are not heard. Words of the wise, *spoken* quietly, *should be* heard Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war; But one sinner destroys much good.” Ecclesiastes 9:16-18

D. Sin is practical atheism and leads ultimately to Hell, where its hot, and the worms die NOT –

Where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ Mark 9:48

*Sin is the living worm, the lasting fire,
Hell soon would lose its heat could sin expire! John Bunyan*

2. Public crime and destruction –

They have done abominable works, Psalm 14:1 C

III. What does the fool’s creed breed?

Not one good person -

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

The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, Psalm 14:2

According to a study done by the LORD God Himself, the fool’s creed (atheism) breeds:

1. A disgrace of a race (the human race, all born of Adam)–

They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is one who does good, No, not one. Psalm 14:3

Red and yellow black and white, they’re all filthy in His sight!

2. A brainless bunch without a hunch –

Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Psalm 14:4

3. Who eat God’s people just like lunch –

Who eat up my people as they eat bread, Psalm 14:4B

4. They do not pray –

And do not call on the LORD? Psalm 14:4 C

5. They run away, because –

There they are in great fear, Psalm 14:5 Why? God is with the godly - For God is with the generation of the righteous. Psalm 14:5 If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

*In a world gone insane, though God on both doth rain,
He makes it very plain, He fights for His own faithful!
The ungodly sense this!*

6. They shame God’s people –

You shame the counsel of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge. Psalm 14:6

They call Jesus a crutch, they make fun of God’s people as God’s people often are those who seem on the bottom in this world “poor” or -

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

IV. David’s closing prayer -

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 14:7

1. God is the Salvation

2. Captive to atheism / foolishness / sin

3. God’s people need to rejoice (trust) in Him!