

## A Psalm Worth Repeating

*2020 Summer Series In Psalms*

**Psalm 53:1–6 (ESV)** — **1** The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good. **2** God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. **3** They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. **4** Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God? **5** There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you; you put them to shame, for God has rejected them. **6** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

### I. The place of repetition

#### A. The inspired word

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)** — **16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**Psalm 12:6–7 (ESV)** — **6** The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. **7** You, O LORD, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever.

**Psalm 62:11 (ESV)** — **11** Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

**Isaiah 28:10 (ESV)** — **10** For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”

**1 Corinthians 2:12–13 (ESV)** — **12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)** — **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Ezekiel 36:26 (ESV)** — **26** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

**Romans 7:18 (ESV)** — **18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

**Galatians 5:16–17 (ESV)** — **16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

#### B. The variance

### II. The folly of fools (Verses 1-5)

#### A. The fact of sin (1,2)

**Genesis 2:16–17 (ESV)** — **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** 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 3:1–8 (ESV)** — **1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” **2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” **4** But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. **8** And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

**Genesis 3:9–13 (ESV)** — **9** But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” **10** And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” **11** He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” **12** The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me

fruit of the tree, and I ate.” **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

**Romans 3:12 (ESV)** — **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

**Romans 5:12 (ESV)** — **12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

#### **B. The fault of sin (1,3,4)**

**Romans 1:18–20 (ESV)** — **18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

**2 Peter 3:5 (ESV)** — **5** For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,

**Romans 1:25 (ESV)** — **25** because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

**Romans 1:28 (ESV)** — **28** And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

**1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV)** — **14** The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

#### **C. The fountain of sin (1)**

**Psalms 8:1 (ESV)** — **1** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Psalms 8:3–5 (ESV)** — **3** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, **4** what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? **5** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**Romans 1:28–32 (ESV)** — **28** And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. **29** They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, **30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **31** foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. **32** Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

#### **D. The folly of sin (1)**

**Romans 9:20 (ESV)** — **20** But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?”

**Psalms 50:21–22 (ESV)** — **21** These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. **22** “Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!

**Psalms 2:1–5 (ESV)** — **1** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, **3** “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” **4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. **5** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**Psalms 2:12 (ESV)** — **12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

#### **E. The filthiness of sin (1)**

**Judges 17:6 (ESV)** — **6** In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

**Proverbs 12:15 (ESV)** — **15** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

**Proverbs 21:2 (ESV)** — **2** Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart.

**Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)** — **12** There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

**Romans 6:23 (ESV)** — **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **F. The fruit of sin (4)**

**Luke 11:52 (ESV) — 52** Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

**Proverbs 1:31–32 (ESV) — 31** therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. **32** For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

#### **G. The fear and shame that attends sin (5)**

**Revelation 1:7 (ESV) — 7** Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

**Luke 23:30 (ESV) — 30** Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’

#### **III. The faith of the forgiven (Verse 6)**

**1 Peter 1:8–12 (ESV) — 8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. **10** Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, **11** inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. **12** It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

**1 Peter 1:3–7 (ESV) — 3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.