

ONLY ONE KIND OF PERSON IN THE WORLD

Psalm 53

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INTRODUCTION: CATEGORIES

Have you notice how humans tend to divide people into categories.

Psalm 139:19

If only You would put the wicked to death, God;
Leave me, you men of bloodshed.

Psalms 5; 17:13; 31:6; 52:7, 8

This psalm is God's perspective of mankind.

I. THE QUALITY OF THE GODLESS

1. He says in his heart.
2. He acts like there is no God.

Godless

not recognizing or obeying God.

Romans 2:1

Therefore you have no excuse, you foolish person, everyone of you who passes judgment; for in that matter in which you judge someone else, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

A. WE CONTEMPLATE A WORLD WITHOUT GOD

Psalm 10:3, 4

For the wicked boasts of his soul's desire,
And the greedy person curses and shows disrespect to the Lord. The wicked, in his haughtiness, does not seek Him.
There is no God in all his schemes.

It isn't that people don't believe in God, they act as if God doesn't exist.

? How does the contemplation of a world without God relate to the sin we commit?

B. WE ARE CORRUPT, RESULTING IN SIN

“Corrupt” comes from an Arabic word referring to food that has spoiled.

To ignore God is to foster chaos.

C. NO ONE DOES GOOD

Isaiah 64:6, 7

For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;
And all of us wither like a leaf,
And our wrongdoings, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on Your name,
Who stirs himself to take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face from us
And have surrendered us to the power of our wrongdoings.

II. THE ASSESSMENT OF GOD

A. MAN DOESN'T UNDERSTAND REALITY

B. WE ARE CORRUPT TOGETHER

C. NO ONE DOES GOOD

Romans 1:32

and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.

III. A QUESTION FOR THE GODLESS

A. DO YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OTHERS?

B. DO YOU CALL UPON GOD?

Psalm 9:17; 50:27

IV. THE ADJUDICATION OF GOD

A. GOD REJECTS THE GODLESS

In this rejection there is great terror.

B. GOD RESTORES THE CAPTIVES

- ? Who are these captives?
- ? To what were they captive?
- ? What does it mean that they were restored?

Reality is God vs. all of us...but some.

John 1:10-13

CONCLUSION: REJOICE!

Proposition: God sits as the judge over all humanity terrorizing the apathetic, but saving some so that they will rejoice in God.

According to Psalm 53, there is only one kind of person in the world, the one that needs God's lovingkindness.

Psalm 26:8-12

And so, like the psalmist prescribes we:

1. Rejoice in God
2. Experience gladness.

Psalm 50:15