

Adult Impact Study Sheet – February 25, 2024

Read **Psalm 14:1-7**; if possible from several translations.

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1. Having read Psalm 14, now take a few moments to read Psalm 53 which seems to be, for the most part, a duplicate of Psalm 14. Why do you think David repeats what he has already written?
2. “In the Hebrew language, there are three basic words for fool: *kesyl*, the dull stupid fool; *ewiyl*, the unreasonable and perverted fool; and *nabal* the brutish person who is like a stubborn animal.¹” *Nabal* is the word used in Psalm 14:1.
“The *nabal* fool has a moral problem in the heart, not a mental problem in the head.”²
Discuss Wiersbe’s statement.
3. What is the difference between a true atheist and an atheist wannabe?
4. Discuss the difference in the outlook of
 - the atheist (the one who denies God’s existence)
 - the one who doesn’t care if there’s a God
 - the one who doesn’t know if there’s a God
5. Why does atheism lead to corruption and wickedness? (See Psalm 36:1-4.)
6. “We become atheists in practice when we rely more on ourselves than on God.”³
Discuss that statement.
7. Discuss what it means in verse 3, “There is none that does good, no, not one.” (See also Eccl. 7:20; Romans 3:10-12; Isaiah 53:6.)
8. In the face of the corruption and wickedness resulting from atheism, God is the refuge for those who trust in Him. Talk about how that plays out in our world today.
9. David faces the reality of the present by looking to the future. Talk about how that should affect our daily lives today.

¹ Warren Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary, OT*, 888

² Ibid

³ *Life Application Study Bible*, 834