

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

GOD IS IN THE GENERATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS PSALMS 14

Text: Psalms 14:5

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⁵ *There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.*

Introduction:

1. THE CHARACTER OF SINNERS (VS. 1-6)

A. The Creed of Sinners (vs. 1)

Psalm 14:1

¹ *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*

The creed of sinners is godlessness.

Sinners do not want God around and embrace all that excludes God.

The predominance of sinners explain why our land is getting more and more laws against honoring or mentioning God in many places.

Note not only the Creed of Sinners but also:

B. The Corruption of Sinners (vs. 1-3)

Psalm 14:1-3

¹ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. ² The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. ³ They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Creed and conduct go together.

Belief determines behavior.

Doctrine affects deportment.

So it no surprise that those who exclude God in their hearts live corrupt lives.

- They are perverted – *“They have done abominable works”* (vs. 1)

This certainly describes those that practice sodomy.

- They are perceived – *“The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand and seek God”* (vs. 2)

The vile sinner cannot conceal his sins, though he thinks he can, for God sees and is scrutinizing him.

God perceives the evil of the sinner and will judge him accordingly.

- They are profane – *“The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand and seek God. They are all gone aside”* (vs.2-3)

We should not be surprised that these wicked people do not seek after God or understand anything about God (the Bible is an enigma to them) for they said in their hearts, “No God.” (Psalms 14:1)

- They are polluted – *“They are all together become filthy”* (vs. 3)

Our society is filthy.

It is a society of filth and not faith, and that is why or nation is in deep trouble.

Many think our troubles are economic, but the issues economically are the outgrowth of moral bankruptcy.

Note not only are they perverted, perceived, profane, polluted, but also:

- They are popular – *“There is none that doeth good ... there is none that doeth good, no not one.”* (vs. 1, 3)

The godless sinners’ lifestyle is a popular lifestyle, for all seem to be ungodly.

There are some righteous people in our society, but it is so bad that to the Psalmist it seemed that no one did good.

Note not only the Creed and Corruption of Sinners but also:

C. The Cruelty of Sinners (vs. 4)

Psalm 14:4

⁴ *Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who **eat up my people as they eat bread**, and call not upon the LORD.*

David describes the cruelty of persecution like people eating bread. It is easy for them to carry out their deeds.

Persecution takes on many forms, mostly we think of brutality, but sometimes persecution shows up in legislation which makes laws against God's people.

However or whatever the persecution it is always cruel and it come easy to the wicked.

Note not only the Creed, Corruption and Cruelty of Sinners but also:

D. The Contempt by Sinners (vs. 6)

Psalm 14:6

⁶ Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge.

The wicked scorn the godliness of those he oppresses.

He will shame the righteous as much as he can.

The godless must make the godly look contemptible.

The news media is gifted at doing this, and many schools and government practice the same thing and endeavor to belittle Christianity.

We have considered the "Character of Sinners" now lets consider:

2. THE COMFORT TO THE SAVED (VS. 5)

Psalm 14:5

⁵ There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

No matter how perverted, profane and polluted the sinner becomes we must remember that God is in the generation of the righteous.

No matter how cruel or contemptible the sinner becomes we must remember that God is in the generation of the righteous.

And because God is in the generation of the righteous the righteous enjoy great comfort.

Illustration:

I watched the other day as another group of Christians were slaughtered by gang of radical Muslims. Those Christians didn't show any remorse, or fear at all as they put a gun to the back of their heads and pulled the trigger.

You may be asking yourself the question what would cause people to acted that way in killing Christians.

The answer is found in this verse.

Note again:

Psalm 14:5

⁵ **There were they in great fear:** for God is in the generation of the righteous.

Wickedness is plagued with terror and great fear.

The wicked may go along for a while in tranquility, but great terror will overtake them.

The wicked are not allowed much peace from God.

Consternation replaces calm, and terror replaces tranquility.

This is the built in cures of sin.

Close:

We are told in Timothy:

2 Timothy 3:1-15

¹ *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

² *For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

³ *Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,*

⁴ *Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more*

than lovers of God; ⁵ Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. ⁶ For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ⁷ Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸ Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. ⁹ But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. ¹⁰ But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, ¹¹ Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. ¹⁴ But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; ¹⁵ And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

We know that evil men and seducers are going to wax worse and worse in the last days. We are seeing this be fulfilled before our eyes moment by moment.

We also are told in these words that we are to continue in the things that we have learned.

In other words we are to remain faithfully doing what God's Word instructs us to do because in the end note what we read in Proverbs:

Proverbs 24:19-20

¹⁹ Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; ²⁰ For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.