

LESSONS FROM PSALMS FIFTY-THREE

Scripture: Psalm 53:1-6

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Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm of David.
 - B. We are not told the occasion of the writing; but it seems to have been a time of severe trouble for God's people...A time when the peoples of the world had almost completely turned against God and His people.
 - C. A time much like this time in which we live.
- I. LEARN THAT GOD HAS A TITLE FOR ANY ATHEIST...IT IS FOOL. v.1
 - A. An "atheist" is one who denies the existence of God.
 - B. There are three (3) kinds of atheists.
 1. The vocal kind who boasts of his atheism and lives the part.
 2. The practical kind. This kind says that he believes there is a God and then lives as though God does not exist. (Professor said, "If you really believe there is a God, you would be serving Him.") How many people do you know who claim to know God and they never serve Him...never meet to worship Him...As some put it, "they never give God the time of day."
 3. The kind who says in his heart "there is no God" BUT then for personal gain or political advantage freely use God's Name.
 - II. LEARN THAT NOTHING IS HIDDEN FROM THE ALL SEEING EYE OF OUR OMNISCIENT GOD. v.2
 - A. He knows the thoughts and intents of the heart. v.1
 1. Jesus demonstrated this many times during His earthly ministry. Mark 2:6-8
 2. No thought of any person goes unnoticed by our God. Matt. 12:36 In judgment we shall give account for every idle word...
 - B. Nothing escapes His attention.
 - C. God looks down from heaven to see...and He sees all and He hears all.
 - III. LEARN WHAT IS GOD'S CONCLUSION CONCERNING THE HUMAN RACE IN SITS NATURAL CONDITION.
 - A. Corrupt are they...they have done abominable iniquity...none that doeth good. v.1
 - B. None understand...none seek after God. v.2
 - C. Every one has gone back...they are altogether become filthy...none that doeth good. v.3
 - D. It seems that God, Himself, is amazed that men could live in a world created by God and display NO KNOWLEDGE at all of the Creator and his great work. v.4
 - IV. LEARN WHAT ARE GOD'S CHARGES AGAINST SUCH PEOPLE. v.4
 - A. They eat up my people—God's people have always suffered at the hands of the ungodly, natural man.
 - B. They have not called upon the Lord. God's help is as near as a call—His ear is always inclined toward each person...waiting...waiting to hear a cry for help.
 - C. They were in great fear—where no fear was. God does not want any people to be afraid of Him...He wants all people to come to Him for help...BUT THESE WOULD NOT. v.5
 - D. Those who will not seek God and continue to do harm to His people will be dealt with very severely. v.5
 1. God will scatter them.
 2. God will put them to shame.

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- V. LEARN THAT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE WILL LONG FOR THE DELIVERANCE GOD HAS PROMISED. v.6
 - A. Oh that the deliverance of God's people were come out of Zion. v.6
 - B. Rev. 22:20
 - C. II Tim. 4:8