The Foolish Heart of God Rejection

Tony Mauck · Psalm 14:1

INTRODUCTION

- We fancy ourselves stronger, smarter, and wiser than we really are. We struggle to see how powerless, weak, and helpless we really are.
- We lack a keen sense of how absolutely transient, fleeting, and momentary is our existence here, which should always follow with this question. What then?
- And yet many absolutely scoff at the idea of God dependency.

1 The Fool Has Said in His Heart

Psalm 10:4; Psalm 14:1; Romans 3

- The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt. They have committed abominable deeds.
- I'm not sure it's a debate about whether or not God exists, as much as it is simply a rejection of concern for God.
- The psalm is more about whether we seek God or not, and the absolute folly of rejecting God and the gladness of submitting to God.
- They have instead come to the conclusion that they don't have to listen to God.

2 No Biblical Debate About Whether God Exists

- Isn't it interesting that there is no biblical debate like we're entertaining on Sunday mornings in our Bible class?
- There's no real debate about whether or not there is a supernatural being.
- Neither Paul, Peter, or John are compelled to make an airtight case for the existence of a deity, but simply spoke of the nature of the true God.

3 Wisdom Versus Folly

Proverbs 14; 1 Thessalonians 5:21–22; Proverbs 26:4

- The backslider in heart will have his fill of his own ways.
- The naive believes everything, but the prudent man is a little more cautious. He considers his steps.
- Ultimately, the person who chooses wisdom and the path of righteousness will be vindicated, and the wicked in all of their haughtiness will bow down to him.
- We can make all the airtight arguments about why people should believe in God. But at the end of the day, you will not convince many people.

4 Love Every Sinner, but Not Every Error the Same Way

2 Timothy 2; Acts 13:6; Jude 1:20–25

- I should love as God does the most vile of sinners.
- The Lord's bondservant must not be quarrelsome but be kind to all, with gentleness, correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance.
- But that doesn't necessarily mean that we approach every sin and everyone who espouses error the same way.
- Have mercy on some who are doubting. Save others, snatching them out of the fire.

5 He Has Not Left Himself Without Witness

Acts 14; Hebrews 3:4; Psalm 97

- Why do people believe in God at all? Because he has not left himself without witness.
- Every house is built by someone. But the builder and maker of all things is God.
- The fact that you have a sense of right and wrong. Where did that come from? From our Maker.
- The resurrection of Jesus is enough evidence to compel faith. And we've got much more than that.

6 Bold in Our Confession

Proverbs 28:1; 2 Corinthians 4

- We can express love for people's souls and still be bold in our confession.
- The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.
- For we look not to the things which are seen, but to the things which are unseen.
- We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in our body. Whether those things be good or bad.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you mark Isaiah 47 verse 11? And mark it well.

MY NOTES