

Psalms 14:1 "For the choir director. A Psalm of David. The

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David and Abigail (1 Samuel 25)

→ fool says in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; there is no one who does good." (NASB)

Questions

- Have you ever spoke to anyone who said there is no God, or someone who doesn't believe in the existence of God?
- What does this mean "there is no one who does good?" was this inclusive of all people on earth?
  - those who have no rule of God in their lives.
  - Colossians 3:8-9 } anger, gossip, malice, enmity, strife, jealousy, slander,
  - Galatians 5:19-21 } dissensions, divisions, envy, lying.
- Paul's warning is that those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Psalms 14:2 "The Lord looks down from Heavens upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God."

Question

- what does it mean to seek after God?
- How do we do this? →

Yeshua said in Matthew 6:33 "But seek first  
the Kingdom and His righteousness, and all  
things will be added to you." (2)

### Questions

- What does it mean to seek the Kingdom of God?
- What does it mean to seek His righteousness?

\* It says "the Kingdom" and "His righteousness"  
these seem to be two separate things?

- Those who say there is no rule of God in their lives
  - the corrupt
  - their deeds show a pattern of life that is an indication of the inward spiritual state.

1 John 3:8 "The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning, The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil."

- The life of a child of God should be characteristic of seeking the Lord, His Kingdom, and His Righteousness

Psalms 14:3 "They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; there is no one that does good, not even one."

- the way of mankind is corrupted, this is why we seek the help of the Lord.

• This Psalm reminds us of the words of the apostle Paul in Romans 3:1-31.

→ Romans 3:10-12 a quote from Psalm 14.

Summary Romans 3

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- No confidence in the flesh
- Man does not nullify the faithfulness of God.
- Paul describes those who do not seek God (Psalm 14).
- The Torah (Law) was given so no man can boast
- Each man is accountable to God.
- The mercy, Grace, and redemption of God.
- God is the one who justifies for righteousness - therefore no man can boast.
- Paul concludes that this does not nullify the Law, on the contrary, this establishes the Law.

How do we understand the Law in this context? ↪

Deuteronomy 28:1 "if you listen to the voice of the Lord your God..."

"וְשָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹל דְּבַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ" (with "שמעת" circled)

← uses the imperfect verb form for listening or hearing the voice of the Lord God.

• this indicates that the process of listening and our relationship with God is an ongoing process that is not yet complete.

- This illustrates that our relationship with God is an ongoing life long process.
  - we are to seek His Kingdom and His righteousness.
  - Hearing the voice of God
  - obeying the Lord
  - obeying His word

Establishment of Torah (Law) in our lives.

John 8:31 "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of mine."

- obeying
- continuing in
- Keeping
- Being true disciples.

\* In order to be the true children of Abraham, we need to have the Word of God inside in order to sustain, support, and give us life.

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| Psalms 14<br>Romans 3<br>John 8 | } | <u>Seeking the Lord</u><br>→ lives that demonstrate that<br>→ The Lord's salvation.<br>→ The Lord's Righteousness. (Page 8)<br>→ The Lord's Redemption.<br>→ The Lord's Deliverance. | ↖ salvation |
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\* Righteousness is a gift of God, but this does not exclude us from living righteously before the Lord in our day to day lives.  
 → we should have an ongoing desire to live for Him!