

Psalm 14 Note: Chapter 14 is “[The religious fool](#) who lives [like](#) the world”
Chapter 53 is “[The non-religious fool](#) who lives [for](#) the world”

They put on a show of religion

¹ Fools know deep down inside that there is a God, but they don't consider God and the Bible important enough for them to submit to the Lordship of Christ. They may go to church to put on a show of religion, but they do not have sound moral convictions. That way, they can still enjoy their sin. Once they walk out the door of the church they will go right back to their corrupt lifestyle. They may do some things that appear good in the eyes of men, but because of their sinful lifestyle, God hates even those supposedly good deeds. The simple fact is that other than trusting Jesus Christ as personal Savior, no one of their persuasion can do anything good in God's sight.

They pursue the things of the world

² The LORD has already looked down from heaven and has seen that everyone who is not born again has no clue that they are ruining their lives. He also saw how none of them would ever seek to have a personal relationship with God on their own unless God draws them to Himself.

³ Instead of seeking to know Christ and God's Word with the goal of obeying, these fools have turned their attention away from the LORD and have instead chosen to pursue the things this world has to offer. In the process, all of them have become filthy by getting involved in things that are either sinful, illegal, illicit, or unethical. No one of this persuasion can do anything good, not a single person.

They've given up on prayer

⁴ In their greed, these fools devour God's people and their possessions. They pour as much energy into doing this as they do when they devour a plate of food at a banquet. Since they are not God's children, God doesn't answer their prayers. As a result, they have quit praying. Are these [worldly](#) people really clueless about the disastrous consequences they generate for themselves and for God's people as a result of their sin? The answer is a resounding, “Yes.”

They won't trust the Lord

⁵⁻⁶ You fools keep telling the poor and needy that it is useless to trust the LORD for protection and provision. As a result, you cause them to be ashamed to trust God, all because you really don't understand that the LORD truly is the poor man's refuge. If you will simply look, you can see how God is good to those who live in a good and godly manner. Instead, people like you literally shake in your boots when you seriously consider the disaster that awaits you in the future.

People are fools for rejecting Jesus Christ

⁷ The Jews, as a whole, want Messiah to come and rescue them from their enemies, but they are fools. They are religious, but they have rejected Jesus Christ, their true Messiah. Oh, how I wish Christ would come again and show Himself mighty. Then the Jews would realize that He is indeed their Messiah. In doing so, He would turn their adamant rejection of Christ into saving faith. When that happens, all of Israel will be glad and rejoice.

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