## They don't want God

<sup>1</sup> Fools know deep down inside that there is a God, but they are convinced that God and the Bible are of no relevance in their lives. Therefore, they want nothing to do with God or the Bible. That way, they can enjoy their sin. Since they are morally degenerate, they will get involved in all kinds of sinful activities that God and men hate. The simple fact is that other than trusting Jesus Christ as personal Savior, no one of this persuasion can do anything good in God's sight.

#### They are only interested in the world

- <sup>2</sup> God 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 these fools would ever seek to have a personal relationship with God on his own unless God draws him to Himself.
- <sup>3</sup> Instead of seeking to know Christ and God's Word with the goal of obeying, these fools have totally rejected God and the Bible in order to pursue the pleasures and possessions this world has to offer. In the process, all of them have become filthy by getting involved in things that are either wicked, sinful, illegal, illicit, or unethical. No one of this persuasion can do anything good, not a single person.

## They have no interest in prayer

<sup>4</sup> 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 God is of no relevance to them, they have no interest in ever praying to God. Are these wicked 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 oppose Got at every turn

<sup>5</sup> They won't say it, but these fools are terrified about what the future holds for them. They are constantly looking over their shoulders to see if law enforcement is pursuing them or if someone they have hurt or defrauded is on his way to get even with them. They are so paranoid that they keep looking even when no one is there. They have opposed God at every turn, and God has opposed them. They have seen how God has destroyed other wicked people, and deep down inside they know that their sinful lifestyle is shameful and that God hates what they do.

# People are fools for rejecting Jesus Christ

<sup>6</sup> 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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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," the phrase "Jesus Christ the Messiah" has been used.