

IN A WORLD THAT DENIES GOD

PSALM 14

Introduction:

This is not about intellectual atheism, but about moral atheism. It is about a man who lives day by day as though God did not exist. This is not the atheism of a brash Madyln O’Hair, but rather the polite atheism of the modern secularist. It is the atheism of the person who feels himself to be self sufficient in himself, and thinks that religion is a crutch for the weak.

God declared that to be the condition of the whole world. The Apostle Paul used this passage to bring an indictment against the whole human family.

We live in a world that lives as though God did not exist. We need to understand the consequences of such a foolish attitude.

I. IN A WORLD THAT DENIES GOD, THE CORRUPTION OF FALLEN HUMAN NATURE EXPRESSES ITSELF. (v. 1)

1. It is expressed in their sinful deeds.
2. It is seen in their lack of goodness.

II. IN A WORLD THAT DENIES GOD, THEY DO NOT ESCAPE GOD. (v. 2-5)

1. He observes them.

2. They fear life.

It is a frightening thing to live in a world like this all alone. You see the dangers, but do not know that there is One greater than the dangers you face. They have no “safety-net”.

III. IN A WORLD THAT DENIES GOD, THE GODLY SUFFER. (v. 4-6)

1. The world takes advantage of them.
2. The world mocks them.

IV. IN A WORLD THAT DENIES GOD, THE GODLY PRAY. (v. 5-7)

1. They pray with faith.
2. They pray for deliverance.
3. They pray with joy.