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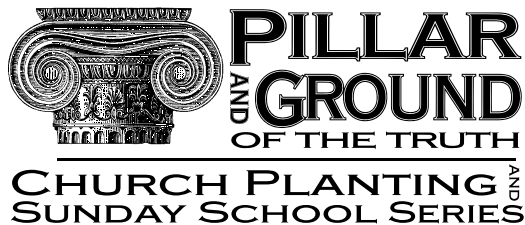
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Preparation Questions for Lesson 1

WHEN FOOLS SPEAK

Background Reading

Psalm 14; Psalm 53; Romans 3:10-18; Proverbs 14:9; Luke 12:16-20; Matthew 7:24-29; Romans 1:19-22; Revelation 6:16-17; Philippians 2:9-11

MONDAY

According to Proverbs 14:9, what is the attitude of a fool toward sin?

TUESDAY

From the story given in Luke 12:16-20, what kind of man is a fool in the eyes of God?

WEDNESDAY

Read Matthew 7:24-29. What distinguishes a wise man from a foolish man?

THURSDAY

In Psalm 14:1-3, what do we learn about the behavior of those who say that there is no God?

FRIDAY

According to Psalm 14:4, how do the workers of iniquity treat the people of God?

SATURDAY

Compare Psalm 14:6 and Philippians 2:9-11. What will take place that will silence forever those who say there is no God?



Scripture Memory

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”

Psalm 14:1



In the fourteenth Psalm, note the first expression, *“The fool hath said...”* Many people speak as fools. As they speak, we are able to identify them and understand that they have made themselves fools in the sight of God.

Notes

FOOLS MOCK SIN.

In Proverbs 14:9 the Bible says, *“Fools make a mock at sin.”* Sin wrecks lives, ruins homes, and destroys families; but fools make light of it.

FOOLS LIVE ONLY FOR THIS WORLD.

Our Lord gives us a parable using the word fool in Luke 12:16-20. God’s Word teaches that the man who lives only for this life, thinks nothing of the world to come, makes no eternal investment, and does not trust Christ with his soul is a fool.

FOOLS ARE HEARERS ONLY.

Our Lord says in Matthew 7:24-29 that those who hear His Word and obey are wise, but those who hear and do not obey are foolish.

Notes

The Atheism of a Fool

According to Psalm 14:1, the fool speaks and says, "There is no God." This is atheism. We are living in a day when people say that the more intelligent you are, the less you are supposed to know for sure. However, there is nothing intelligent about denying the existence of God.



The atheist determines to rid his mind of the knowledge of God.

In Romans chapter one, we discover the path that the fool has followed. We learn in Romans 1:19-22 that every human being, through the witnesses of conscience and creation, knows there is a God. A fool disregards the light of conscience and of creation and says, "There is no God."

The Affections of a Fool

Does a fool have affections? Does he care? If so, what does a man who says there is no God care about? The Bible says in Psalm 14:1, "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

In Romans chapter one, we see that when men deny God, He declares them to be fools. They then proceed immediately into abominable behavior. Their affections are turned toward things that are abominable. Atheism goes hand in hand with the abominable behavior that is so prevalent throughout our land.

Notes

If we are living in the most intelligent, most enlightened age in the history of humanity, why do we see such immorality? It is because the affections of people who say there is no God have turned toward abominable things. All restraint is removed.



God's children are not left on this earth defenseless.

The Actions of a Fool

The actions of a fool take a particular direction. You would think that atheists would say, "Do not bother us and we will not bother you." They may talk that way, but that is not the way they act. In verses three and four, God's Word tells us how they behave. Who do fools target? They target the people of God. They want to eat up and destroy God's children.

The Answer from God

How does God answer the fool? This fool has continued talking for thousands of years. It seems as though he has not been answered, but notice what the Bible says in Psalm 14:7. God says, "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!" The salvation of Israel is the coming of Jesus Christ. What is God's answer to these fools? It is the coming of Jesus Christ.

The fool will keep on speaking, but we know the answer. The answer is that Jesus Christ, the salvation of Zion, is coming.

Preparation Questions for Lesson 2

HE SHALL NEVER BE MOVED

Background Reading

Psalm 15; Matthew 7:21-23; Ephesians 2:8-10;
II Timothy 4:7

MONDAY

Who is the only person who qualifies himself to be the answer to the questions in Psalm 15:1?

TUESDAY

List the things given in Psalm 15:2-5 that God says we are to do and not to do.

WEDNESDAY

Read Matthew 7:21-23. Why is it that those who professed the name of the Lord could not enter into heaven?

THURSDAY

In Ephesians 2:8-10, what is God's teaching concerning our works and our salvation?

FRIDAY

Note the word "*doeth*" in Psalm 15:5. What is the significance of this word in this verse?

SATURDAY

What is the promise of God in Psalm 15:5? Who can claim this promise?