

# Psalm 14

**“No God?”**

**Absolutely Foolish!!**

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<sup>3</sup> They are *all* gone aside, they are all together become filthy: *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup> Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge.**

**<sup>7</sup> Oh that the salvation of Israel *were* come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.**

# Twin Psalms

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## Psalm 53

- 53 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.
- <sup>2</sup> God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
- <sup>3</sup> Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
- <sup>4</sup> Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.
- <sup>5</sup> There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

## ***Italics* in Scripture**

the words in *italics* are words which do not have any equivalence in the Hebrew, Aramaic or Greek text. By adding these words, the translators' goal was to make the meaning of the sentence clearer and produce a more readable translation that read smoothly, yet was true to the original. However, to make sure that the reader understood that these words were not in the manuscripts, they set them in *italics*.

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Clearly, the words in *italics* were not miraculously given to the translators by God as additional inspiration the same way He did as recorded in **2 Peter 1:21**,

“holy men of God *spake as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.” Neither are the *italics* there to add emphasis. The words in *italics* in the King James Bible are words that were added by the translators to help the reader better understand the intent of the passage translated from the original languages.

**14** The fool hath said in his heart, *There is*  
no God.

Without the italics, “The fool hath said in  
his heart, no God.”

From the italics in the New King James Version we can see that what the fool actually says is, “**No God.**” “That is, ‘No God for me.’ So his is a practical as well as theoretical atheism. Not only does he not believe in God, he also acts on his conviction.” (Boice)

## **Possible Approaches to the text**

**“There is no God”**

**“No God” I’m not ready to change**

**“No God” I’m not willing to do that.**

# **I. Theoretical Atheism**

**Deny God (God does not exist)**

# **II. Practical Atheism**

**Defy God (God exist, but not for me. A bold and open resistance)**

**The Hebrew words rendered *fool* in Psalms denote one who is morally deficient.**

**Some deny God's total existence because He interferes morally.**

**Others defy (resist and refuse to submit to) God for the same reason.**

**Whether we deny God or defy God, both are the acts of fools.**

**v.1b**

**“They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good.*”**

**God is both denied and defied by those who prefer to live corrupt, abominable, and persist in those things that are not good.**

**(2)The LORD looks down from heaven  
upon the children of men,  
To see if there are any who  
understand, who seek God.**

**The denial and defiance of man does  
not hinder the desire of God. He yet  
looks to see if any would come to  
understand the magnitude of His love  
and seek a relationship with Him.**

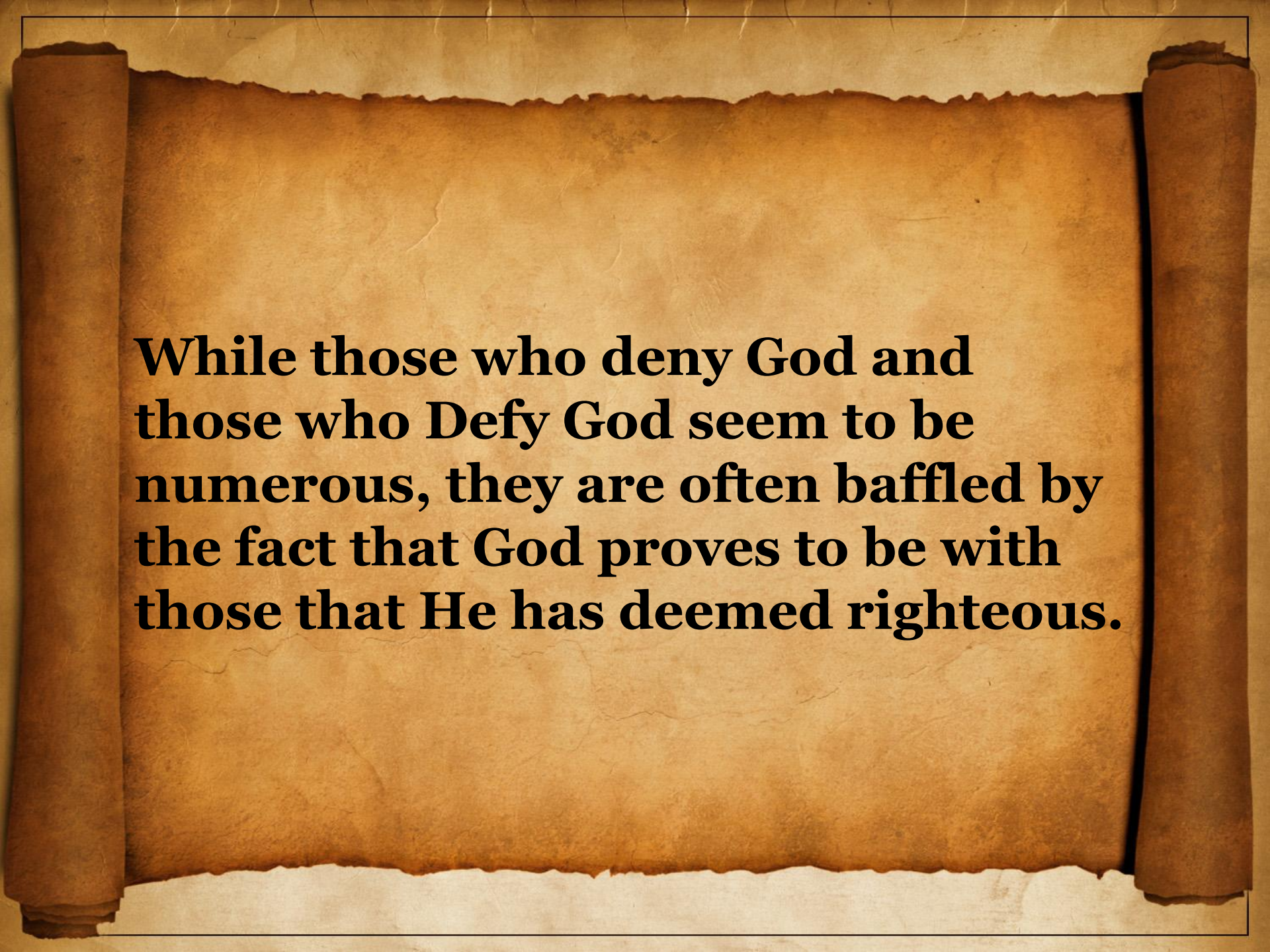
**They have all turned aside,  
They have together become corrupt;  
*There is none who does good,*  
No, not one.**

**The universal depravity of man  
results in God not finding anyone  
good. Since He found none, He opts  
to send ONE.**

**(4-6)**

**Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people *as they eat bread*, And do not call on the LORD?**

**There they are in great fear, For God *is with the generation of the righteous*. You shame the counsel of the poor, But the LORD is his refuge.**

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**While those who deny God and those who Defy God seem to be numerous, they are often baffled by the fact that God proves to be with those that He has deemed righteous.**

**(7) Oh, that the salvation of  
Israel *would come* out of Zion!  
When the LORD brings back the  
captivity of His people,  
Let Jacob rejoice *and* Israel be glad.**

**In the midst of the growing  
population of those who deny God  
and those who defy God, David  
encourages the believer to remain  
faithful and wait on God's  
deliverance.**