

## **PSALM 53 – Folly of the Godless and the Restoration fo Israel!**

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### **WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS** – Billy Graham Crusade Choir (3:00)

*When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**PSALM 53** - The folly of atheism! Psalm fifty-three is almost a repetition of Psalm fourteen. In fact, as you put the two side by side you find that there is a very slight variance in the two psalms. They are extremely similar, giving us a needed reminder!

### **PSALM 53 - To the Chief Musician. Set to "Mahalath." A Contemplation of David. There Is None Who Does Good**

#### **Vs. 1-3 – Mankind is Corrupt**

***Psa 53:1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good.***

- To deny the existence of God takes real work. You have to put your mind on the shelf. You have to just take up all kinds of foolish theories and preposterous concepts. There is a time in everybody's life when they have to make their own decisions concerning God, even though you grow up in a Godly Christian home.
- I grew up in a Godly Christian home. I can't even remember a time in my life when I did not believe in Jesus Christ. From a child growing up it was ingrained in me. There did come that time and in my own life it came in the senior year of high school where, for a little while, I wondered is there really a God or is the Bible just an interesting collection of stories? Does God really exist? Maybe I don't believe in God. That lasted for about a day.
- I came to the realization that, in thinking there was no God, it left too many unanswered issues. In coming from the premise that God doesn't exist, it opened up such a Pandora's box, such a can of worms. There were too many unanswered issues. I really didn't entertain that thought long at all because my mind mitigated against such folly. "***The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."*** You have to become a fool to take that position. The interesting thing about Paul's writing to Romans in chapter one, he tells how the person gets to that conclusion. He said, ***(Rom 1:18,21,22,25,28) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, [21] because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Professing to be wise, they became fools, [25] who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. [28] And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;***
- He traces that whole thing, how that professing themselves to be wise they became fools. Looking at the foolish theories of evolution; at the human body; at the nervous system; at the cells. Anyone whoa has had the opportunity of looking at the brain cells through electron microscopes, can observe the brain and the capacity of the brain. How amazing is the capacity of those cells to store information, to keep that information for years. Things that were memorized as a child are still stored in that memory bank and that is just so fascinating. How is it stored there? What kind of a memory bank system is there that you

hold and retain all of these experiences of life. All you need is the proper stimuli to bring those things flashing back in your minds.

- There is enough coded information in a single cell of your body to fill ten thousand volumes of books the size of the Encyclopedia Britannica just in one cell. If you would decode all of the information in one cell for in that cell is all of the information for the reproduction of your entire body. The cells that have the codes for the designing of your fingernails, of the fingers themselves, of the tendons of the veins; the blood the whole thing is coded right there, the design, the code, the blueprint. To say that this all happened as a result of fortuitous concurrences of accidental circumstances is more than I can by.
- It is much easier to believe in God than not to believe in God. If you don't believe in God, you have to fight it too hard. I didn't have that much fight. So I said, "Okay, God must exist". That's great, it prove I wasn't a fool.
- ***They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good.*** That's usually why they take that position that there is no God because of the corruption in their life. They are convicted when they think that God does exist, that they are going to have to answer for their crummy lifestyle. Thus, they take the position there's no God so they won't have to think of the day of judgement when they are going to have to give an answer for the way that they have lived.
- The fool describes anyone who denies there is a god! Designer, Almighty One, Creation,
- There is no such thing as an atheist! There is no proof! There can be agnostics (no knowledge).
- There are four great areas that show us there is God! The light of creation- shows us there is a Creator;
- The argument of design; the evidence of God given conscience; the Word of God!
- Every scientist knows that there is a creator behind the DNA.

***Psa 53:2 God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.***

- (2Ch 16:9) *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."*

***Psa 53:3 Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.***

- ***There is none who does good, No, not one.*** Paul quotes this in Romans chapter two and chapter three he makes a quotation of this particular psalm, "There is no righteous, no, not one. They've altogether gone their own ways" they've turned back and become filthy. There is none that seeks after God. The whole world is guilty before God, that was the proof that Paul was making there in Romans two and three.
- The results are being corrupt, doing abominable works; none who does good!

#### **Vs. 4-5 – God is Righteous**

***Psa 53:4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call upon God?***

- (Jer 4:22) *"For My people are foolish, They have not known Me. They are silly children, And they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, But to do good they have no knowledge."*
- (Joh 15:18) *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.*

***Psa 53:5 There they are in great fear Where no fear was, For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; You have put them to shame, Because God has despised them.***

- There was no reason for fear.
- (Pro 28:1) *The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.*

#### **Vs. 6 - Prophetic Longing**

***Psa 53:6 Oh, that the salvation (yeshû'âh - yesh-oo'-aw; something saved, deliverance; salvation, save, saving (health), welfare) of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.***

- He's praying now for the Messiah. That's the prayer here. The salvation of Israel is the Messiah. In that day when God brings back the captivity of those captives of Israel. We are living in that day; God is bringing back the captives of Israel that have been scattered throughout the world.
- There is another fascinating psalm that related to the same thing as this, (Psa 102:16) *For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.* Here its tied together again, (Psa 53:6a) ***Oh, that the***

*salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!* Oh, that the Lord will come. That day when God brings back the captivity Judah and Israel shall rejoice. We are seeing the beginnings of it, it can't be long.

- This present world will not always go on! It will come to an end. History will close down.
- Two things now are present that have never been – Proliferation of nuclear weapons and the rebirth of Israel - first generation in 2000 years, Israel back in the land, rebirth of Israel in 1948!
- The LORD said if He didn't come back, there would be no flesh alive!

#### **SUMMARY:**

- Be ready! Be watchful! Be sober! This present world will not always go on! It will come to an end. History will close down.
- There is great wickedness in the world, but He will rule! He's coming back!
- He has all the power and all the authority!
- When everything seems out of control; He is in control!

Prayer: May the Lord be with you this weekend and coming week. I pray that you'll just have an exciting time of walking with the Lord, experiencing the consciousness of His presence, the working in the power of His spirit within your life. As we face the world around us and the temptations, drawing our flesh after the things of the world, may you find the strength in the power of God's spirit enabling you to stand against the powers and the wiles of Satan. May you have a week of fellowship with God, living in victory, as you are strengthened by His Spirit in your inner man. May the Lord be with you and bless you and keep you by His power, in Jesus name.

#### **JESUS MESSIAH** – Chris Tomlin (4:49)

*He became sin Who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing Love so amazing*

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

*His body, the bread His blood, the wine Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled And the veil was torn Love so amazing Love so amazing, yeah*

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

*All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You, God The light of the world*

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