

SONGS FOR SUMMER

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 53 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath. A Maskil of David.

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.

² *God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.*

³ *They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.*

⁴ *Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?*

⁵ *There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you; you put them to shame, for God has rejected them.*

⁶ *Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.*

Next Week: Psalm 54

July 7, 2019

TALK SHEET

1. In Psalm 53, what thoughts characterize a fool? What actions characterize a fool?
2. Is it more common to be an atheist “in your heart” or to be an atheist publicly? Explain.
3. When are you most tempted to think like a fool?
4. Read 1 Samuel 25. The word “fool” translates the Hebrew word “Nabal”, this man’s name. How does Nabal in this account illustrate the life of a fool?
5. In Romans 3, Paul quotes verse 4. What point is he trying to make?
6. The Psalm ends with God’s deliverance and the people’s joy. Pray for the salvation and joy of someone today.