

Psalm 53 New American Standard Bible

Foolishness and wickedness of People.

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice;

There is no one who does good.

² God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of mankind

To see if there is anyone who understands,

Who seeks after God.

³ Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt;

There is no one who does good, not even one.

⁴ Have the workers of injustice no knowledge,

Who eat up My people *like* they ate bread,

And have not called upon God?

⁵ They were in great fear there, *where* no fear had been;

For God scattered the bones of him who encamped against you;

You put *them* to shame, because God had rejected them.

⁶ Oh, that the salvation of Israel *would come* from Zion!

When God restores the fortunes of His people,

Jacob shall rejoice, Israel shall be glad.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's Questions and incites

1. Who is the fool?
2. What is a fool?
3. There is a fool in the tarot card collection!
4. Middle English: from Old French fol 'fool, foolish', from Latin follis 'bellows, windbag', by extension 'empty-headed person'.
5. 'David said', which means made a declaration, so the fool has said.
6. The fool said in his heart 'his heart is his spirit'.
7. The who he is inside of who he is, that part of him, which makes him him.
8. 'They are corrupt' - the psalmist has grouped together everyone who is a fool, all who fall into the fool's category, so the fool has declared to his heart, 'God is not there!'
9. Being corrupt is to be damaged – incurable, irreparable, this is a result of not working right, the way God created.
10. They hold a position of foolishness and it operates with injustice, which is to act outside of everything that is right.
11. When you remove the light of God from humanity, you create a monster to care for the earth.
12. When He says 'no one does good' it is in the light of the goodness of Gods standard not ours.
13. From heaven God looks down on men - He is all seeing and all knowing.
14. God is searching, for when He looks, He is looking for someone who does right, someone who has His light still in their nature.
15. He is looking for those who seek after His ways.
16. When you turn aside, you step off the right pathway and make the choice to walk along the wrong pathway.
17. Together they have become corrupt.
18. The more you give yourself to bad, the more likely you will not choose good.
19. The statement 'everyone is doing it' can seem to justify 'doing it', but not in God's eyes, because good is good and bad is bad, no matter how many of us are doing it.
20. Evil is like rotten fruit in a bowl, it contaminates the healthy fruit - one bad apple.
21. The reality of separation from God is to live with fear, even though in the past there was no fear.
22. God will stand firm against our enemy, if our enemy is Gods enemy, but if we make friends with God's enemy, we become enemies of God.
23. 'Salvation will come' says David 'from Zion'.
24. Salvation did come from Zion - in the form of Jesus.
25. Restoration is in the heart/spirit of God.

26. Even though now the Jewish nation is held captive by unbelief, when they believe, He will set them free because he has promised Abraham.
27. To rejoice is to let out your emotions so that others can see and know what joy is in your heart.