

## PRAYING PSALM 14

“The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.”

Have you ever prayed about fools? David did. “Fool” comes from a word meaning to fall away. Fools are not so much in denial of God as they are in opposition to God. The words, “there is” are italicized, indicating they were supplied by the translators, hoping to bring understanding of the text. Leave out “there is,” and a fool is defined as a person who says “no” to God. Fools don’t seek God (2). They turn aside from God (3). They never learn (NLT) (4). They do not call on the name of the Lord (4). The problem with fools is they were frustrating the plans of the oppressed, i.e. Israel (7). That is the reason for this prayer. David knew the Lord would rescue Israel at His coming, but fools were plotting their destruction.

This prayer is not just that God would save Israel, but their salvation would come soon. We have the completed revelation of God concerning Israel, so we possess more knowledge about their future deliverance than David. If Israel ever needed prayer, it is now. There are more fools seeking Israel’s destruction than ever. Fools want to see Israel driven into the sea. They want to possess their land. They believe Israel has no right to exist. Pray for Israel. Pray they would repent and acknowledge Jesus as their Messiah. Pray that Jesus will return soon and “the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion.” In other words, “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” When Israel is at peace, the world will be at peace, and the mouths of the fools will be stopped.