

No God For Me!

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good” (Psalm 14:1).

Although he was tempted not to say anything else to his fellow worker, the Christian witnessed to him one more time. Instead of his usual mockery, this time the coworker roared out, “I don’t even believe there is a God!” The Bible-believer said to him, “Man, you really are in bad shape!” “What do you mean?” the unbeliever asked. The Christian answered, “The Bible says that the fool says in his heart that there is no God, but you just blurted it out.”

As seen in many other texts in the Bible, the words “There is” are italicized to remind us that the translators interjected them into the sentence. That does not mean that someone has added to the Scriptures or changed the Word of God. Rather, the translators felt that a few other words were needed in the translation to retain proper sentence structure. This freedom is essential in any translation work.

Leaving out the two words, the sentence reads, “The fool hath said in his heart, ‘No, God!’” I think the phrase is descriptive of the self-ruled individual, who by life and practice, says, “No God for me!” This does not just apply to the outspoken atheist but to all individuals who foolishly think they are better off to leave God out of their lives. Notice several conclusions set forth in the text concerning the “No God for me” attitude.

The “No God for me” attitude rules one’s rebellious consciousness! “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” Basically, it is the same insubordinate attitude Adam and Eve possessed in the Garden of Eden. Although God had said, “Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it” (Gen. 2:16, 17), the first couple determined within that they could get along better without God’s commands and instructions.

The “No God for me” attitude relates one’s ruined condition! About these foolish individuals, the Holy Spirit relates, “They are corrupt.” That is, they are “marred, spoiled, or ruined.” The picture is that of a field, a country, or a region that is laid waste or left desolate. The poor sinner thinks that he is in grand condition, but he is only a heap of waste in God’s eyes. In his fallen condition, his life is actually of no value.

The “No God for me” attitude rouses one’s reckless conduct! Where there is no God-rule and all self-rule, there will be nothing but “abominable works.” In the sphere where the goodness of God is rejected, “there is none that doeth good.” No wonder the Lord Jesus said, “For without Me ye can do nothing” (John 15:5). Oh, may God save us from ourselves! Instead of foolishly declaring, “No God for me,” let us all humbly say, “All God for me!”