

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

August 26-September 1, 2024

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| Monday: | | Psalm 52 |
| Tuesday: | | Psalm 53 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Chronicles 1-2 | Psalm 54 |
| Thursday: | 2 Chronicles 3:1-5:1 | Psalm 55 |
| Friday: | 2 Chronicles 5:2-6:42 | Psalm 56 |
| Saturday: | 2 Chronicles 7 | Psalm 57 |
| Sunday: | 2 Chronicles 8 | Psalm 58 |

Weekend Reflection

From the Psalms this week we read that it is “the fool, who says in his heart, there is no God.” (Psalm 53:1). Let’s be careful to read this correctly. David is not calling those who deny the existence of God unintelligent. He says they are fools. That is different. A very intelligent and learned and educated person can still be a fool.

Perhaps, David says that someone who denies God is a fool because his claim goes against all sound reason. One look at the stars, or a sunrise, or the Rocky Mountains, or an infant’s tiny hands, and denying God becomes patently foolish. These sorts of wonders don’t happen on their own. God accomplishes them! It is against reason to say there is no God.

Most definitely, the one who denies the existence of God is a fool because he is saying, in essence, that he is not accountable to God. Yet God, “looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after him.” Whether one believes it or not, he is accountable to God.

Let’s be wise. The wise seek after God.

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for Sunday, September 1 will be on Philippians 4:21-23. Be sure to read this passage before the Sunday gathering, in order to prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word.

Faith Groups

- What is Christian greeting, how is it different from the world's greeting, and why is Christian greeting important?
- In what sense is our greeting *in Christ*?
- Consider those who were passing on greetings to the Philippian believers. What is special about "those of Ceasar's Household"?
- What are the big stand out themes from the book of Philippians for you?
- Discuss some ways we can apply the things we have learned this summer.