



## Heart Check

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### **TODAY'S READING:** Psalm 53

Psalm 53 begins with a sobering declaration: "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 53:1a). This verse reminds us of the error of denying God's existence or living as if He does not matter. It is a call to examine our hearts and acknowledge the truth of God's sovereignty over our lives.

David continues by describing the moral decay that results from rejecting God: "They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good" (Psalm 53:1b). When we turn away from God, we become susceptible to sin and its destructive consequences. It is a stark reminder of the importance of seeking righteousness and living according to God's will.

Yet, amidst this darkness, there is hope. David declares, "But God will scatter the bones of those who attack you; you will put them to shame, for God has rejected them" (Psalm 53:5). God is sovereign over all, and He will ultimately triumph over evil. This verse encourages us to place our trust in God's justice and righteousness.

As we reflect on Psalm 53, let us examine our hearts and ask God to reveal any areas where we may be drifting away from Him. Let's repent of our sins and recommit ourselves to seeking His wisdom and righteousness in all that we do.

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we confess that there are times when we have turned away from You and pursued our own desires. Forgive us for our sin and lead us back to You. Help us to seek Your wisdom and righteousness in all that we do, knowing that You alone are our source of hope and salvation.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

**MONDAY'S READING:** Psalm 57

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