

**SELECTED PSALMS PHASE 1**  
**PSALM 14**  
**Answers for Review Questions**

1. **Answer:**

- (a) Psalm 14 and Psalm 53 are virtually identical.
- (b) In Psa. 53 the title indicates that these psalms belong to a group referred to as ***Maschil***, meaning “enlightened” or “wise,” because they impart wisdom; they are regarded as teaching psalms.

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2. **Answer:**

- (a) False
- (b) We do not have specifics as to the occasion upon which Psalm 14 was written  
For more information, see Page 4.

3. **Answer:**

- (a) The term used here (Psa. 14:1) for “fool” is “***nabal***” it is the strongest of the three Hebrew words used for “fool.”
- (b) The word “***nabal***” implies a stubborn, irrational form of willful ignorance.  
For more information, see Pages 5-6, 10.

4. **Answer:**

The true atheist is either ***foolish*** or ***wicked***; ***foolish*** because he ignores the evidence that God exists or ***wicked*** he refuses to live by God’s truths. Page 5

5. **Answer:**

Fools reveal their rebellion against God in two ways:

- (a) They reject God’s revelation, for they do not believe what the Bible says about God; they scorn the moral principles of God’s Word and rely on their own ideas to determine what is right and wrong.
- (b) They do not seek God, submit to God’s Word, nor pray to God or trust Him concerning their lives. Page 6

6. **Answer:**

- (a) The reality is, one may believe in God theoretically yet be a practical atheist in the way that he lives.
- (b) Man may say with his mouth that he believes in God, and yet in his heart and lifestyle say the opposite.
- (c) Etc.

For more information, see Pages 6-8

7. **Answer:**  
The belief that there is no God is customarily established on the desire to live a wicked life.  
For more information, see Page 8
8. **Answer:**  
In Psa. 14:1b, David is showing that denying the reality of God leads man into corruption and despicable acts.  
For more information, see Pages 9-10
9. **Answer:**  
(a) perspective (b) race (c) beautiful (d) corruption (e) echoed (f) universal  
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10. **Answer:**  
This is the result of God's investigation as noted in verse 2; all were seen to have gone aside and have become depraved.  
For more information, see Pages 12-13.
11. **Answer:**  
(a) They have no knowledge of God.  
(b) They find pleasure in the errors and imperfections of the people of God. . . . .  
(c) They do not call on the name of the LORD, or that they offer no worship to Him.  
For more information, see Page 14.
12. **Answer:**  
Item (d) . . . live in defiance of Him. Page 15
13. **Answer:**  
The idea is the wicked were in great terror or consternation.  
For more information, see Pages 15-16.
14. **Answer:**  
The evidence that God was among the righteous, would of course, distress the wicked, because of the reality that God was the friend of the righteous, it meant that ultimately He was the enemy of the oppressors of the people of God and such reality exposed them to His wrath.  
For more information, see Pages 16-17.
15. **Answer:**  
*"Oh that"* (Psa. 14:7a) expresses a deep and earnest desire as if the desired thing was in the hands of another and he would pass on that blessing or favor.  
For more information, see Pages 20-21.