

Psalms 53

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The Fool Says There Is No God

- 1** The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.
 - 2** God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
 - 3** Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
 - 4** Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.
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- 5** There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.
 - 6** Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

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God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 53:1 **References God:** Psalms 10:4; Luke 12:20

Psalms 53:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 11:4; 27:8; 102:19; 111:10; 2 Chronicles 15:2; Isaiah 55:6; Jeremiah 16:17; 23:24. **References God:** Psalms 10:4; 2 Chronicles 19:3

Psalms 53:3 **Good:** Psalms 14:3; Romans 3:12. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 53:6; 64:6

Psalms 53:4 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 4:22; 10:25

Psalms 53:5 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 2:4; 35:26; 40:14; 141:7; Leviticus 26:17; 26:36; 1 Samuel 14:15; Proverbs 28:1; Jeremiah 6:30; Ezekiel 6:5

Psalms 53:6 **Salvation:** Psalms 14:7. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 85:1; Isaiah 14:32; Jeremiah 30:18. **References Israel:** Isaiah 12:6

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