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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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"The Fool Hath Said . . ."

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"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. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord. There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous. Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his refuge. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad." Psalms 14

Good morning, friends. How are you today? Still living by faith, I trust, and I also hope that God is proving himself real to you and that he is working out his will in your life. This is indeed the way to be happy. This Psalm surely describes the condition of the hearts of folks who do not go God's way.

In writing of this first verse "the fool hath said in his heart there is no God" the commentator Adam Clarke put it this way: "nabal, which we render fool, signifies an empty fellow, a contemptible person, a villain. One who has a muddy head and an unclean heart; and, in his darkness and folly, says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" End of quote. Now, there are some folks who deny the existence of God and might be termed in the strictest sense an atheist, for they even deny the being of a god. Then, perhaps, there are people who don't absolutely deny the

existence, but they do not acknowledge a divine God as having anything to do in governing the world, or the lives of the people therein. There would be another class of people who profess to acknowledge God but really they deny him a place in their heart and live as if they were persuaded there was no God either to punish or reward. Isn't that a sad state of affairs? Listen to these verses from Titus, "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." Titus 1:15, 16

Then notice on down in this 14th Psalm we find these words, "there is none that doeth good, no, not one." There may be people who would lead you to believe that this is speaking in general

