

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Psalm 53:1

"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." Psalm 53:1 NASB

Children often do foolish things, don't they? "Foolishness is bound upon in the heart of a child." (Proverbs 22:15a). But foolish deeds do not a fool make. Left unchecked and undisciplined those childish deeds can indeed grow until they finally blossom into full fledged "fooldom!" You see, left to himself, a child believes he is the center of the universe. His wants – nay, his demands, are law and are to be granted immediately by all of the subjects within his kingdom. When such rebellion is full grown it rejects the very "concept of god" because – though in a more intellectual way – this fool demands that man still be in the center of all and that he will achieve or evolve to god-hood one day. The fools reasoning goes something like this; "Why should I believe in God and be forced to obey His rules when someday I will personally evolve to such a lofty state myself?!"

Friend, the root of so many of our personal and societal problems, has this error at its root – that we are to be served. Let us not be foolish in our thinking. Let us turn our attention from ourselves and to the needs of others. It is such a simple thing, yet so profound. To serve others is to remove ourselves from that lofty place of our own "god-hood" and to acknowledge the Creator Who has made others in His image – not just me!

To acknowledge God is to deny myself on some level.

To serve others is to acknowledge the value and importance of others.

Who can I serve today?

How can I best honour God today?

"Lord God, thank You for speaking to my heart. Thank You for giving me a believing and trusting heart!"

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