



*Psalm 14:1*

*'Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; no one does good!*

Many times in life I have heard foolish people try to argue there is no God. They go on and on about the weakness of people who believe in God and how they should rely on themselves to get through life. Some want to argue that if there was a God, He wouldn't allow awful things to happen in this world like war, famine, and sickness. They would allow for God if God would just do things the way they want God to do them. These people often want their Heaven here on earth and if they can't have it they reject God and the Heaven that awaits those who love and trust God in spite of this not being a perfect world.

There are some facets of this multi-faceted atheism that we can understand. First and foremost we must understand that we live in a broken world. This is not a perfect place because of broken human relationships. I would argue that the world we live in was a perfect creation. This of course would get the God rejecters up in arms because they want to believe that the world wasn't created by a loving God for us to enjoy, it just came into existence by itself. Stop and think about a star somewhere in a universe that can't be explained by science. It explodes and goes spinning off in space, cools over billions of years and bingo we have the earth. Then miraculously out of this inert cooled blob of gas life forms spontaneously and evolves over billions of more years in to human life. If you think believing in God is difficult try believing in that idea. There is

no explanation for life, this world or this cosmos, as we know it that can be made without a first cause. That first cause must be a creator God because there is no other rational explanation. Without intelligent design there is no life.

Having said that, it is the base side of humanity, our brokenness, which leads to war, famine and yes even sickness. As the Apostle Paul has said, "we all sin and fall short of the glory of God." Because we sin, we bring pain and death into our lives and the lives of others. We all need a savior, that Savior is God as revealed in Jesus Christ. This is rational. Rejecting God is frankly irrational.

Perhaps the God denying comes from a broken relationship with their own father. Abuse, abandonment, lack of love and death can create a void in a father relationship that ends up being projected on God. My father's failure becomes God's failure. My mistrust of my father results in a mistrust and rejection of God. The story of the prodigal son is how God really is. The father in that story receives his son back with open arms even after years of bad decisions and rejection. Remember, just because the fool doesn't believe in God doesn't mean that God doesn't love and believe in the fool.

Isn't it time you came home to The Father who created you, loves you and believes in you? Remember, God is a God of new beginnings.