

## Psalm 14: Questions #5-#8 Fools are Going to Ask You

### I. Review

**Last week we started a mini-series within Psalm 14 regarding the questions that fools will ask you.** These folks are skeptics of God, Christianity, and the Bible. For us, or anyone with any understanding about God and the Bible, these questions seem ridiculous; however, as you put it into a context for them, it shows their complete breakdown when it comes to any knowledge of God, who He is, or anything about Christianity. A fool, by definition, is someone who has allowed themselves to be fooled. It doesn't matter if they're good or bad people or if they're saved or lost.

A verse that you need to understand in dealing with people is in I Corinthians 2:14.

*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned. I Corinthians 2:14.*

**That will sum up an unsaved person in one verse.** It's the fact that they can't receive the things of the Spirit of God, and what we believe is foolishness unto them. They can't know anything about the things of the Spirit of God because they have no spiritual discernment.

#### ➤ Patterns of Human Nature

In a nutshell, this is what I'm trying to do with you who want to be part of the inner workings of the ministry here and want to get to the next level in your spiritual life as I show you the patterns of these people. We will learn the patterns of human nature for saved people, but also the patterns of human nature for unsaved people. At our first Patterns of Human Nature meeting (08/31/2024) we covered The Solomon Principle, which is the baseline for everything we do. This is where you'll want to begin. It gives you the understanding to be able to see people's needs and their issues before you have to get into their world and deal with them. It's understanding the problem by seeing the patterns. Then you connect the patterns in the Bible, and you apply the Bible to the problem you have. It's a very simple 4-step outline; however, you must understand the patterns.

#### ➤ Elisha Brings Life to a Dead (Unsaved) Person by Getting into His World

When it comes to dealing with people, I think the greatest example in the Bible that puts it into a very understandable format is found in 2 Kings 4:34. You're going to find as we get into the patterns of human nature that, for most of the patterns that we are going to talk about which people have, we will find examples throughout the Old Testament. This one is a gold mine. It's not only a great example, but a great lesson as well.

*And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 2 Kings 4:34.*

Here we have the story of Elisha who has taken over after Elijah has gone home to heaven. This story is built around a Shunammite woman. The Bible says that she is a *great woman*. I don't know if you caught that, but there are only two women the Bible refers to as great. There's a reason for that. We don't have time to get into that this morning, but in time you will need to understand.

She wants a son, and she finally gets one. Then the son dies. She knows that Elisha is the man of God—the prophet of God. She sends for Elisha because she knows that he can fix the problem. **Her son is dead, so he is a picture for us of an unsaved person. An unsaved man is dead in trespasses and sins. So, this story revolves around a woman who has a son who dies, and she calls for the man of God to come and give the dead person life. It's a perfect picture of salvation!** There was a day when you and I were dead in trespasses and sins and God sent a man or woman of God to you, and through them coming to you in your need, out of the darkness and into the light—now you are a saved person. This is the pattern here and the story as this thing unfolds.

She calls for Elisha. Elisha, like most Christians, is too busy. He has a lot of things going on, so **Elisha sends somebody else to go deal with this problem.** The person who he sends to deal with this dead boy can't do anything for him. So, he goes back to Elisha telling him that he tried but couldn't do anything; therefore, Elisha now must go.

**Here's a great principle:** you cannot send somebody else to do what God has called you to do. There will be certain things in your life that God wants YOU to do...things He has ordained YOU to do; things He has called YOU to do, and you can't send somebody else to do what God has called YOU to do!

Elisha finally goes, and when he gets there, he does something very strange. I've known pastors and teachers who choke trying to explain this. **Elisha crawls on top of the dead boy. Elisha puts his eyes on the eyes of the dead boy, he puts his mouth on the mouth of the dead boy, and he puts his hands on the hands of the dead boy.** There was a time when I thought that was absurd. Eyes to eyes, mouth to mouth, and hands to hands with a dead person. **In an inspirational application, the man of God shows us that if you want to give life back to dead (unsaved) people, you have to put your eyes to their eyes. You have to understand why they look at things the way that they do. You have to put your mouth to their mouth, so you understand why they say the things that they say. Then you have to put your hands to their hands and understand why an unsaved person does the things that they do.** This is totally foreign to most of God's people. That's why so many churches and Christians never win anybody to Christ—they can't get on the level of an unsaved person. They expect that person to be where they're at. When they don't look at things the way they do, it becomes a roadblock. Come on, folks! **We cannot expect unsaved people to look at things, speak about things, and do things the way we do them.**

The key is understanding that this is the principle for giving life to dead (unsaved) people. **You have to get into their world.** Everything we're covering is to get you ready.

➤ Sanctify the Lord God in your Hearts

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: I Peter 3:15.*

It's getting you ready, on whatever spiritual level you are on, to be able to answer the questions that are going to come your way and be able to understand why unsaved people look at, say, and do the things that they do.

Notice where it all starts—*sanctify the Lord God in your hearts*. **It starts with you and I putting God in a separate place in our hearts that makes Him the most special thing in your life.** It comes to the point where you now have set God apart in your life, and you're going to make the commitment. When we covered The Solomon Principle, I showed you in the first half how internally we must make that commitment. It starts in your own personal life. It isn't about what I teach you, or what I know, or how many things I've cataloged over the years. **It starts with you setting God apart in your heart. You sanctify the Lord God in your heart FIRST before you can really do anything.**

Last week we looked at four basic questions that skeptics, agnostics, and atheists will throw at you. We went through them, and you should now see the value, no matter how stupid the questions are to us, of how you can use them if you have the ability and the understanding and you get down the patterns. **You're going to be in a position to take any question they throw at you, turn it around, and give them the truth.** That's the key. That's my goal for every one of you. Last week's questions were:

1. Where did Cain get his wife?
2. Why does God allow tragedies in life?
3. Why doesn't God show Himself?
4. Why do you believe everything in the Bible?

We answered each of those questions thoroughly. If you got them down and got them in your Bible or cataloged them someplace, you're off to a great start. You need to learn, pattern, and practice them. **You need to be ready *always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you.***

## II. More Questions that Fools are Going to Ask You

**#5 Question: Where is the Proof that there Really is a God?**

You have probably all been told at some point by pastors, churches, teachers, etc. that you just must believe and accept the existence of God on faith. You don't question it; you simply have a blind faith. A fool will completely tear that way of thinking apart because it is so shallow. The

people who tell you that you need to have a blind faith are just as much fools as those who want to question God.

➤ There is an Evidence of Faith

I can prove to you that there is a God, and He is who He says. **Hebrews 11:1 tells us that there is an evidence of faith**, yet these guys who tell you that you need to have a blind faith couldn't tell you what the evidence of faith was if you put a gun to their heads.

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1.*

**There is an evidence of faith; it is NEVER just blind faith.** You'll never be able to answer anybody's questions if that's where you're at with this question.

➤ You can Scientifically Prove that There is a God

Everybody is big on science today. The Bible talks about *science falsely so called*. If you just want to deal with science and scientific facts, I can prove to you scientifically that there is a God, and He is who He says He is, in a way that every man on earth (which includes every scientist and unsaved person) will have to accept if they're not dishonest and corrupt. Of course, we know from Psalms 14 about how corrupt they are and how they don't care about the truth. You'll want to remember that.

That fact that there is a God is evident from scientific evidence; therefore, when someone asks me where the proof is that God exists, I tell them that you can prove there is a God scientifically. I'm going to lay this out for you; however, you will need to learn it, digest it, and get it into an understandable format of how you will present it to someone else.

This particular question will show you how completely corrupt and dishonest people are and will really illustrate Psalms 14 where it says there is no understanding and all the workers of iniquity have no knowledge; nevertheless, you use it to give them the gospel.

➤ Mathematics is the Language of Science

**Everything in this world is based on a mathematical formula.** Numbers are the key to everything. You say you live in Kansas City, Missouri. That may be true, but technically speaking, you live at 39.0997° N latitude and 94.5786° W longitude. It's a number system. If I want to call you, 816-590-4322, I will go through a number system. If you invite me over to your house, you'll give me your address—6432 Elm. There's a number system I must go through to get to you. You all have a Social Security number. The key to everything in life is through a number system.

**In its final analysis, God is a mathematical formula.** To find God in your Bible, you must go through a number system. You've got 66 books, 1,189 chapters, and 31,102 verses. You find a specific verse by going, for example, to the 14<sup>th</sup> book, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter, and the 12<sup>th</sup> verse. Numbers are the key to everything.

Science tells us that if we ever encountered an alien civilization, which we know how that all fits into the Bible, even though we may not speak the same language, we could **communicate through mathematics**. The more complicated mathematics becomes, the more it unlocks the secrets of everything that is in the universe.

**In science, you have a computerized system called statistical mathematical probability. It is a scientific endeavor that says you can predict something to be right or wrong based on the mathematics connected to it in a statistical pattern.** We are going to apply that to the Bible, and through science itself, I'm going to show you that the Bible is what it says, and God is who He says.

- **There are 48 Detailed Prophecies in the Old Testament Given Concerning the Lord Jesus Christ that were Fulfilled at the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming**

In the Old Testament, you have 48 prophecies that were given concerning the Lord Jesus Christ in the future. They were given 600 to 1000 years before He was born. They're not generalizations. They are detailed accounts as to where and when He would be born, where He would live, how He would die and other aspects of His life. It would be like me predicting with precise accuracy details happening to a specific man 1,000 years in the future.

Applying science to the fulfilled prophecies, the chances against 48 prophecies about one man, 600 to 1000 years before He was born, all coming to pass without any error are  $10^{157}$ —that's the number 10 with 157 zeroes after it!

Most people don't have any understanding of the magnitude of that number. There are not  $10^{157}$  electrons in our universe. Dr. Fred Hoyle says that the electrons in our universe are  $10^{52}$ . That's 10 with 52 zeroes after it. Dr. Peter Stayler said the estimated stars in our universe are 10 octillion. We have a galaxy that is 150 million light years one way and 150 million light years the other way. We're somewhere in the middle, yet with the number  $10^{157}$ , there are not even that many electrons in the universe. On the head of a pin, you can get 100,000 electrons. That will give you some idea of the magnitude of that number.

Therefore, science tells me through statistical mathematical probability that if I take those 48 prophecies and run them through a computer, the result is  $10^{157}$  that all 48 prophecies could come to pass. It's undeniable; nevertheless, they don't want to accept it because they are corrupt and dishonest; yet every one of those prophecies came to pass.

- **Christianity is the Only Belief System in the History of the World Whose Founder has that kind of Mathematical Probability**

Systematically, the Bible is the only belief system in the history of the world where the founder has that kind of mathematical probability to it. You won't find it with Buddha or Mohammad. When you get into the American cults, just look at Deuteronomy 18:21-22. It asks how do you know if a prophet is a true prophet of God? He says that if whatever that prophet tells you does not come to pass, then that man is not the prophet of God.

*And if thou say in thine heart, **How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken?***

*When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, **if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, [but] the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him. Deuteronomy 18:21-22.***

The Jehovah's Witnesses said the Lord was coming back in 1914. The Seventh Day Adventists said the Lord was coming back in the 1840's. William Miller had it all figured out. All his people sold everything they had, went to his farm, and waited for the Lord to come. When it didn't happen, he refigured the numbers and said it would be several years later, and the same thing happened again.

➤ The Testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of Prophecy

Revelation 1:2 talks about the *testimony of Jesus Christ*. Now we all have testimonies, and sometimes we blow them. It's part of being human, but the Bible says that Jesus Christ has a testimony. Revelation 19:10 defines the testimony of Jesus Christ as *the spirit of prophecy*. This means that if there is one thing that Jesus Christ ever said that did not come to pass, then He's not God.

**So...can I prove the existence of God? Yes, I can! I prove it by the same scientific system that you prove everything else by; however, when it comes to God and the Bible, because you're corrupt and because you're a fool, you reject it.** Do you see how you can turn that around on them? They believe it about everything else in science, but when it comes to something that they hate, they throw the logic out the window that they use for everything else because they have a corrupt attitude toward the word of God.

**#6 Question: Why are the Seven Deadly Sins not in the Bible?**

The world of religion has put together for us, which I'm sure most of you are familiar with, what they call the Seven Deadly Sins. People ask why these Seven Deadly Sins are not in the Bible. **There is no list of deadly sins in the Bible. They were formulated by the medieval church as a broad category to classify sin.**

The Seven Deadly sins are not in the Bible; however, I want to show you how you take this, turn it around, become smarter than the problem, and take the question of a fool and use it to give him the truth of God's word.

This is where you begin to understand history and how you use it. **The Seven Deadly Sins are lust, gluttony, greed, slothfulness, wrath, envy, and pride. These Seven Deadly Sins were all started and put into Christianity by the Roman Catholic Church.** The next thing I want you to realize is that **these seven sins are definitely found in the Bible, but the Bible doesn't separate them into this classification.**

➤ The Roman Catholic Church Teaches Venial and Cardinal Sins

The Seven Deadly sins came about because the Roman Catholic Church has two types of sin. **They have little sins which they call venial sins, and they have the big sins which they call cardinal (or mortal) sins.** They claim that a little white lie is supposed to be different that a big black lie.

Here's where you take their question, turn it around, and teach them some Bible by bringing them to a point where they have to look at their own sin. The first thing I would tell them, once I'd laid it out that it comes from the Roman Catholic Church, is that *1 John 5:17* says that *all unrighteousness is sin. All sin is sin. There are no big sins and little sins with God.* Human nature likes to pretend there are, but there are not. **Any transgression of God's law, big or small, will be a sin—end of story. Man, however, will always try to put sin into a category that lessens his guilt before God.**

➤ God Looks at the Heart

God looks at a person committing sin, and He sees the sin; however, He doesn't categorize it as a big sin or a little sin. **God looks at the heart of the person committing it, and He sees the heart of a sinner.**

For example, you have a man who steals \$250,000 from a corporation and another man who steals \$2.50 from an office desk. We immediately think that there is a difference between the two because of the amount. There may be different consequences for each of these in a legal sense, but God doesn't see it that way. **He sees the heart of two thieves. That's the point you must first get into your own mind and then get to them.**

*But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for [the Lord seeth] not as man seeth; for **man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.** 1 Samuel 16:7.*

**Man will always see the act, but God sees the attitude of heart.**

**So...the Seven Deadly Sins are real sins, and they're all in the Bible; however, they are never separated into big sins and little sins.** Once you've laid that out, you've laid the foundation on which you can deal with them on their own sin. You can turn it around and use it to give them the gospel or find out where they're at with the Lord.

➤ Keep Short Accounts with God

God's people do the same thing. We'll say we're not in fellowship but not really out of fellowship with God either. Hey, that only exists in the twilight of your mind! **Sitting here this morning, you're either right with God, or you're out in left field. There is no middle ground with God just like there are no big sins or little sins.** This is why the Bible teaches to keep short accounts with God. It's why *1 John 1:9* says, *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* and in Ephesians 4:26,

*Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. You take care of it and stay in fellowship with God 24/7.*

## #7 Question: Why Have so Many Wars Been Fought in the Name of Religion?

In all these questions, it's important to not only know the answer to give people, but also to know how to use the answer to turn it around and get the truth to them. Here's how I would start with this one.

War in this world is a result of sin. When sin came into the world by man's disobedience, so did wars. If a war is fought in the name of religion, and it's recorded down through history as a war dealing with religion, then it will be man-made, and God or religion will be used as an excuse to wage that war.

### ➤ These Religious Wars were Known as the Crusades

When people ask this question, **it's based around the crusades which took place in Europe for almost 300 years (1096-1291). If you go back and study history, depending on how you count them, there are eight or nine different crusades through that almost 300 years of what history calls religious wars.** So...they're looking at that, and they're thinking it is a bona fide religious war that has some credibility with God and the Bible.

The crusades were nothing more than the Roman Catholic Church coming into power. They were the greatest power on the earth at this point religiously and politically. **Why do you think that France, Germany, England, and all the European nations decided to go fight in a war in Jerusalem?** What interest was it to them? **It was a religious interest because they were all Roman Catholic, and they did the bidding of the Catholic pope who called on the nations of Europe and the kings to send armies to Jerusalem.** Why? **It's because the Muslims had Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The Roman Catholic Church wants the Holy Land for herself because she believes she is the only true church.**

The Roman Catholics were making pilgrimages to Jerusalem, and they were stealing everything that wasn't nailed down that, in their estimation, had anything to do with the Bible.

Constantine's mother, Helena, goes down to Jerusalem and "finds" the original cave that Christ was buried in. She gets so excited that she runs back and tells her son. He gets so excited that he rushes down there, and right on that spot, they build a Catholic Church which is called the Church of the Holy Sepulture to this day. **Now the Bible says Christ was buried outside the city,** but don't confuse that with a lot of "facts!"

The Catholic church goes on other pilgrimages "finding" things like the original cross that Christ was crucified on, breast milk from Mary, the finger that Thomas put in Jesus' hands and side, the head of John the Baptist, etc. **They were going there and ripping everything off, and the Muslims were mistreating them. They were putting them in prison, killing some of them, and the Catholic Church, under Pope Urban, calls for a Holy War.** It's because fundamentally, he thinks that Jerusalem should not belong to the Muslims but should belong to



the Catholic Church. So, he calls on all his nations in Europe to put armies together, and 8 or 9 Crusades over the next 200-300 years to go down and fight with tragic losses to try to get Jerusalem out of the hands of the Muslims.

Most people don't go back far enough to figure this out, but the reason why Muslims hate white people in America is because of what Christians did in the Crusades...murdering, butchering, and killing thousands upon thousands of Muslims. They don't make a distinction between the Catholic Church and anyone else; they lump it all into Christianity.

- God had Nothing to do with the Crusades – It was 300 Years of the Roman Catholic Church trying to get Control of the Holy Land

This question is based on people's reference to the Crusades and what they understand about them. **To most people, this will be a Holy War; however, God had nothing to do with it. It was 300 years of Roman Catholicism trying to get control of the Holy Land.** History and fools record things like this as a holy or religious war; however, it was nothing more than Rome, under the Roman Catholic Church, trying to do what she wanted to do. The key is to be able to turn their question around to give them the gospel.

- The Real Holy Wars

**There were no Holy Wars down through history that God had anything to do with, but today, and starting around 1948, you see the real Holy Wars begin.** In 1948 Israel comes back into the land and becomes a nation. From that point on, 1948-1970's, there are four Holy Wars in the Middle East where the Muslims go after Israel to try to wipe them out. We're in one right now over there. **You see from 1096-1291, it was the devil who used the Roman Catholic Church—a fake counterfeit to get the land from the Muslims so that Rome could have it. From 1948-today, it's God using the Muslim nations. It's the real deal because God is going to fulfill the second coming of Christ and put Israel back in the land in the millennium.** It's important that you understand that. The war you see going on today will be the fulfillment of over 600 prophesies in the Old Testament on the second coming of Christ and the establishment of the nation of Israel.

So...when you ask me why there are so many religious wars in history, it's because of the crusades; however, to answer your question honestly, those are phony but the one you're seeing right now is real. If you don't see what God is doing and that God is coming, you're going to wind up in the lake of fire. (At that point, you can take their question and talk about their own salvation).

## #8 Question: Why are you so Sure There is Only One God?

From a Bible standpoint, there are a couple of reasons. In your Bible, Isaiah Chapters 41-48 are the greatest chapters in the Bible declaring the fact that there is only one God. I also gave you the Elijah principle last week in I Kings 18 where Elijah is outnumbered 450 prophets to one and showed you how that worked out. Today I've given you the statistical mathematical probability of  $10^{157}$  which is a mathematical computation of cold hard facts that you can't deny. Last week

we saw how all history is built around BC (the birth of Christ) and AD (in the year of our Lord) after His death.

You may or may not use all of that, and you'll need to work it out for yourself; however, here's where you nail them: learning the patterns of human nature. I would say, **"You ask me where the proof is as to why I believe in only one God, and the reason is because of YOU—the fool, every unsaved man and woman like you, every skeptic, every agnostic, every atheist in all the world!"** You are living proof that there is only one God. You may be a nice person, but you are incredibly foolish. You deny there is a God and the existence of God. When you die, your tombstone needs to say, "Here lies the atheist: all dressed up and no place to go!"

➤ The Highest and Most Powerful Name in the Universe

You ask me how I am so sure there is only one God. You're the answer! Just like Elijah to Ahab in I Kings 18, "You're the problem, not God!" **When you want to lend authority or power to what you say, you will call on the highest and only power in the universe to add weight to your words. You'll call on God or Jesus Christ to damn something.** You'll call hell (where you're going) holy. Why is it when you want to give somebody a good cussing you don't use Buddha, Confucius, or Muhammad's name? You always use the name of God, Jesus His son, or something connected to the Bible. **You, as an unsaved man, call upon Him when you want to curse because you know there's only one God.**

*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12*

**There's only one God, and you're the living proof of that.** Why do I believe there's only one God? It's because you only cuss in the name of one God. The other ones never matter.

### III. Summary

You are hopefully seeing now invaluable these responses are not only to answer their questions, (remember we've got two kinds of fools), but learning how to guide your conversation to get them the gospel and the truth. **Just like the story of Elisha, you've got to understand why they see things the way they do, why they say the goofy things they do, and why they do the things that they do. We know it's wrong and foolish, but you'll need to understand why if you're going to reach them.** It is you being able to see that person, connect the situation with something in the Bible, and bring the pattern or question into play. **This is why you need to have these in your notebook and catalog them. It's being ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you.**

**This is the key to not just learning the Bible but learning how to use it.** I want to teach you the Bible, but I don't want to stop there. I have failed miserably on my end if I just teach you the Bible without ever giving you the opportunity to teach you how to USE the Bible. You've all come to a point in your life where you're ready for this. Now we'll see what you're going to do with it.