

# The Wicked vs. the Zion Dweller

**TEXT: Psa. 14-15**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

A. 2 PSALMS CONTRASTING THE CHARACTER OF THE **BELIEVER** AND THE **UNBELIEVER**.

B. SHOULD BE STUDIED TOGETHER.

### **I. THE FOOL - THE UNBELIEVER.**

A. THE UNBELIEVER IS **FOOLISH** ( vs. 1; Rom. 1:20 ).

1. His behavior ( Isa. 32:5-7 ).
2. His loss ( Isa. 35:8 ).
3. His works ( vs. 1 ).

B. MEN, INCLUDING BELIEVERS, EXAMINED( vs. 2; 2 Cor. 5:10 ).

C. ALL ARE FILTHY, BECAUSE NONE DOETH GOOD( vs. 3ff. ).

1. Does not reject man's righteousness, rather demands it ( Ez 18:19; Acts 10:34-35 ).
2. None does right ( Rom. 3:9-10 ).
3. The unbeliever takes advantage ( vs. 4 ).
4. He recognizes not God ( vs. 4 ).
5. He makes light of the believer ( vs. 6 ).

D. GOD AVENGES.

1. He is with the righteous ( vs. 5; Rom. 8:31 ).
2. He delivers them ( vs. 7; 1 Thes. 1:9-10 ).
3. He speaks here of spiritual Israel ( Rom. 2:28-29 ).
4. The wicked from which deliverance was hoped were Jews.

### **II. THE ZION-DWELLER - THE BELIEVER.**

A. THIS TABERNACLE REPRESENTS GOD'S PRESENCE. **IT IS THE CHURCH IN THIS AGE** ( Heb. 8:2; 1 Cor. 3:16-17 ).

B. WHO DWELLS THERE?

1. He that walks uprightly - **manner of life** ( vs.2; Eph.4:1-4 ).
2. He that works righteousness – **obeys** ( vs.2; Jas.1:22; 2:24 ).
3. And speaks **truth** in his heart ( Mat. 12:36-37; Rev.21:8 ).
4. **Slanders not** with his tongue ( vs.3; Titus 3:2 ).
5. **Nor does evil** to his friend ( vs. 3; Prov. 6:12-14 ).
6. **Doesn't** take up a **reproach** against **his neighbor** - looks down on him - holds him in shame ( vs. 3; Luke 18:11 ).
7. In whose eyes a reprobate(vile)is despised(condemned) (vs.4).
  - a. Love all, even enemies ( Mat. 5:44 ).  
Yet condemns Pharisees ( Luke 18:11 ).
  - b. **Recognize the wicked and avoid** ( 1 Cor.15:33; Eph.5:11 ).
8. **Honors them that fear Jehovah** ( vs. 4; Rom. 12:9-10 ).
9. Swareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
  - a. **tells the truth in spite of the cost** ( Rev. 21:8 ).
  - b. **keeps his commitments** ( 2 Tim. 2:13 ).
10. He that puts not out his money to interest. Doesn't refer to Savings and Loan. Refers to **helping the needy with a view of taking advantage**(Luke 6:30-38).

11. Doesn't take a reward against the innocent - **doesn't choose friends or sides on basis of what he can gain ( vs. 5 )**.

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. THE ZION DWELLER IS NOT MOVED OR DESTROYED.
- B. ARE YOU A ZION DWELLER?