

## Psalm 14<sup>iii</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \*

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

<sup>3</sup>Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \*

there is none who does good; no, not one.

<sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*

who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

<sup>5</sup>See how they tremble with fear, \*

because God is in the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*

but the LORD is their refuge.

<sup>7</sup>Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*

when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

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### <sup>iii</sup> About Psalm 14

This lament psalm divides the world in two categories: the foolish and the wise. Although the foolish and wicked now persecute the wise and good, the psalmist envisions a time when God's judgment will make the appropriate rewards and punishments.