

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

10-11-15 Ken Carlton

**Title: FORTUNES RESTORED**

**Main Text:** Psalm 53

**Sermon Description:** Psalm 53 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of eight psalms of related theme compiled in this section of the Psalter. Psalms 52-60 are a collection of Maskils and Miktams extolling and encouraging by declaring the faithfulness and surety of God in the midst of His people even when they find themselves in the midst of enemies. Psalm 53 serves well to remind us, in these kind of circumstances, that there is not only an enemy without, but also within. Ps 14 is echoed and magnified by Psalm 53, reminding us that original sin and our need of salvation are of utmost importance to the consciousness of His people. The transcendent perspective of these psalms is evident when dusted by the Spirit-renewed mind revealing all the fingerprints of divine inspiration/revelation. Here we read the universal diagnosis of sin and the exclusive saving prescription.

**Heading: VIEWPOINTS AND OUTCOMES OF PSALM 53...**

**1. GOD ACCORDING TO MAN** (Ps 53:1,4)

- a. Who man denies (Gen 3:5-6)
- b. Who man destroys (Gen 3:15, Prov 30:14, Hab 3:14, Is 3:13-15)

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**2. MAN ACCORDING TO GOD** (Ps 53:2-3)

- a. Universal foolishness
- b. The days of Noah (Gen 5:6-7,11-13)
- c. Gospel presupposition (Rom 3:9-18)

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**3. OUTCOMES ACCORDINGLY** (Ps 53:5-6)

- a. Elect subset
- b. Scattered & destroyed (Ez 36:4-7)
- c. Gathered & saved (Ez 37:7-14, Gen 6:14-18)

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Close: In I Peter 3:18-22 baptism pictures gathering and salvation in and through our 'ark' Jesus Christ. We pass through the waters of judgement unto restored fortunes in Jesus our Lord and Savior who "... suffered once for our sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God". The final refrain of Ps 53 calls the people of God to "rejoice" and "be glad" just like the response of heaven recorded 3 times over in Luke 15 coinciding with gathering and salvation parables (lost sheep 15:7, lost coin 15:10, & lost son 15:32).

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Original sin	Man denies God	Days of Noah	Gospel and sin	Scattered & destroyed	Gathered & saved
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Gen 3:5-6	Ps 53	Gen 5:6-7,11-13	Rom 3:9-18	Ez 36:4-7, 37	1 Pet 3:18-22

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Further Study' posted weekly at [providencecrosslake.com](http://providencecrosslake.com)

**NEXT WEEK:** Mat 22:1-14 *wedding feast parable...*