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(Thomas Brooks, "The Glorious Day of the Saints Appearance")

Oh, many say with those in Job 21:15, "Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? What would we gain by praying to Him?" They are ready to say, when they look upon the sorrows, miseries, and evils which attend the saints in this wilderness-- "Who have so many miseries, as Christians do? It is madness and folly to live holily as they live, and to do righteously as they do!" Oh, the world accounts them a company of crazy, foolish people, who refrain from evil.

But God will have His people at last appear glorious, that the mouths of ungodly wretches may be stopped, that they may justify God in His goodness and mercy towards His own people. When they shall see those who they accounted as the monsters and fools of the world, men not worthy to live in the world-- when they shall see crowns set on their heads, and glorious robes put on their backs--oh how will ungodly men gnash their teeth, and say, "Oh! we thought them fools and madmen, who thus served God, and walked with God--but now we see that we ourselves are the only fools, the only mad ones, who have turned our backs on God, and have said--It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out His requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty?"
Malachi 3:14

Re: The monsters and fools of the world -brooks, on: 2007/6/17 11:52

This is good.

I heard some teacher on the radio say, that there's another Hebrew translation for "A fool says in his heart there is no G OD."

He said the "there is" is not there. I haven't bothered to cross check his translating, because I sort of liked his view of it.

It would read, "The fool says in his heart - No God!" Thus refusing Him, more than just his existence - because I believe there are no true atheists and agnostics are just willfully-ignorant, autonomous 'by choice'. Romans 1 and 2 bare that out

Thank you. Very good.

Edit: just checked it and he's right. There is no 'there is' in Ps 14:1 and 53:1.