

# THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM

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ROMANS 3:9-18

English Standard Version (ESV)

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*"None is righteous, no, not one;*

**11** *no one understands;  
no one seeks for God.*

**12** *All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
no one does good,  
not even one."*

**13** *"Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive."*

*"The venom of asps is under their lips."*

**14** *"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."*

**15** *"Their feet are swift to shed blood;*

**16** *in their paths are ruin and misery,*

**17** *and the way of peace they have not known."*

**18** *"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

1. Lostness is the world's \_\_\_\_\_.

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**MATTHEW 12:34** (Jesus speaking to Pharisees)

*You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil?  
For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.*

2. The gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**GENESIS 3:13-15**

- 13 *Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?”  
The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*  
14 *The Lord God said to the serpent,*  
*“Because you have done this,*  
*cursed are you above all livestock*  
*and above all beasts of the field;*  
*on your belly you shall go,*  
*and dust you shall eat*  
*all the days of your life.*  
15 *I will put enmity between you and the woman,*  
*and between your offspring and her offspring;*  
*he shall bruise your head,*  
*and you shall bruise his heel.”*

**JOHN 3:14-15**

*14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*