

The Case for God's Existence

Psalm 19:1-6; Acts 17:22-29; Hebrews 1:1-2

This lesson theme that God provides evidence of His existence in various ways.

I believe that there is something inside us that urges us to seek something beyond ourselves. There are many people we come into contact with every day that say they don't believe that God exist.

This lesson points to 4 things – CREATION – SCRIPTURE – JESUS – OUR OWN SPIRIT - that show that God is REAL.

CREATION POINTS TO GOD (Ps 19:1-6)

EVERY CULTURE AND EVERY PEOPLE, IN EVERY SITUATION HAS A MISSIONARY, for the heavens declare the Glory of God, and the greatness of the Creator.

David focused on the heavens above him, especially the circuit of the sun; but there are many worlds in God's creation. They include the earth beneath our feet, the plant and animal worlds on earth, in the skies, and in the waters, the human world, the world of rocks and crystals, worlds visible to the human eye, and worlds so small we need special equipment to see them.

World- famous biologist Edward O. Wilson claims there may be as many as 1.6 million species of fungi in the world today, 10,000 species of ants, 300,000 species of flowering plants, between 4,000 and 5,000 species of mammals, and approximately 10,000 species of birds.¹⁶ But these large numbers pale into insignificance when you start examining the heavens, as David did, and begin to calculate distances in light years.

David knew none of this modern scientific data, and yet when he pondered the heavens, he was overwhelmed by the glory of the Lord.

Vs. 5-6 = David was an outdoorsman and often watched the sunrise and sunset, and what he saw day after day reminded him of a bridegroom leaving the marriage pavilion to claim his bride, and a vigorous athlete running a race. The first image speaks of glory (the groom was richly attired), love, and anticipation, while the second speaks of power and determination.

QUESTION: WHERE AND WHEN DO YOU MOST SEE THE EVIDENCE OF GOD IN NATURE?

APPLICATION: When we are asked about explaining our faith in God, one of the ways is to point to the evidence found in nature.

Personal Application – When I was a kid, my Dad would carry me squirrel hunting. We would go into the woods and just sit down for what seemed to be hours. Of course it would be less than an hour but after sitting about 15 minutes the birds and crows would start their song and then the other animals. God was apparent all around.

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THE WORD REVEALS GOD (Heb 1:1-2)

There is a difference between listening and really hearing, Jesus often cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” This statement suggests that it takes more than physical ears to hear the voice of God. It also requires a receptive heart.

Because of our pride and stupidity God has to continue working with us to show us we need Jesus.

Jesus is the living word of God that has dwelt with us

The bible is strong evidence that we need Jesus.

Hundreds and Thousands of prophecies have come to pass as proof that the Bible is true and the Bible speaks directly to us today.

APPLICATION:

When we read God’s word it strengthens our faith

When we follow Jesus’ example in the Bible we strengthen our faith

We should study both the Old Testament and New Testament for the full revelation of God Son, Jesus Christ.

MY SPIRIT CRAVES GOD (Acts 17:22-29)

Paul opened his address with a compliment: “I see that in every way you are very religious”. They were so religious, in fact, that they even had an altar to “the unknown god,” lest some beneficent deity be neglected. If they did not know this god, how could they worship him? Or how could he help them? It was this God that Paul declared.

Every thinking person asks, “Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?”

Science attempts to answer the first question, and philosophy wrestles with the second, but only the Christian faith has a satisfactory answer to all three.

The Epicureans, who were atheists, said that all was matter and matter always was. The Stoics said that everything was God, “the Spirit of the Universe.” God did not create anything; He only organized matter and impressed on it some “law and order.”

But Paul boldly affirmed, “In the beginning, God!” God made the world and everything in it, and He is Lord of all that He has made. He is not a distant God.

APPLICATION:

God has made himself known to people

Just as Paul made known the Unknown God (which was Jesus Christ) we should try to make Jesus known to all who don’t know him.

Deep in each heart is the desire to know God.