

## The Works And Word Of God

People question the existence of a Divine Creator and the Bible because one cannot have the scriptures without God. The Psalmist looks at the universe as evidence of God being real and also the word of God. This is sometimes called “general revelation” and “special revelation.”

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.” (Psalms 19:1). The stars, planets, and all the universe’s content is a testimony to God’s incredible power. Genesis 1 affirms God finished His work of creation in only six days. It also reveals God did this by speaking His word. Numerous times we read “God said” and it is followed by “and it was so.” When I see a small example of God’s handiwork, I cannot be but impressed. Take a look at the Grand Canyon or the Rocky Mountains, or at the birth of a child. All are displays of God’s creation.

“Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat. (Psalms 19:2-6). God’s wisdom can be seen His creation. Consider the stars and their constellations, the placement of the sun and the planets in our solar system. If the sun was a little larger or smaller, life here on earth would be impossible. The yearly rotation of the earth around the sun, the fact that a day is twenty-four hours and not a longer or shorter time is again important for life here to survive.

The Apostle Paul, spoke of the Gentiles who rejected God as being without excuse. “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,” (Romans 1:20). Another writer pointed out a simple fact, “For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.” (Hebrews 3:4). Creation testifies there is a

Creator, just as a house means someone built that house.

Thus, we know God exist because we and the Universe exist. However, the Universe does not tell us who God is and what He desires. That is only knowable through the means of communication. This gets us to the word of God.

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.” (Psalms 19:7-8).

From Genesis 1 onward God always spoke, He has talked and revealed His will to mankind. In the Garden of Eden, His law was to keep the Garden and not eat from the tree of knowledge. During the Patriarchal Dispensation He spoke directly to the heads of the families. At Mount Sinai, God gave the Law to Moses written on tablets of stone. Today we have the law of Christ given by the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and written down for us to read. “Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:17). The law reveals the glory of God.

As the Psalmist says God’s word is aimed at “converting our soul”. Our eyes are enlightened when we read the Bible and see the pathway of righteousness. Man, without the word of God walks in spiritual darkness but the Word is a bright light to those who will let it guide them.

“The statutes of the Lord are right” which means the law reveals to us the righteousness of God. Today we read of lawlessness, murder, looting, and a host of other crimes being committed in the name of “social justice” and “equality.” The Bible condemns these acts because they are hurtful, unjust, and unrighteous. We are to go by God’s standard of righteousness and not men.

“More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.” (Psalms 19:10-11). Even

today, gold is valuable and sought after. The value of God's word cannot be compared to any earthly treasure for its reward is eternal life. To the servant of God, His word is sweet and greatly desired.

"Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer." (Psalms 19:12-14). Learning and applying God's word will keep us from sin. I was once told, "Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives." A well-worn Bible is a good thing. Another saying I like is "This Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible." The choice is ours as to whether we will commit "presumptuous sin" or if we let sin "having dominion" over us.

May God's law always be in your mind. Dennis Tucker