

**Learn What God
Wants You to Know**

Creation Tells Us

GOD IS REAL!

PART I



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Have you ever stopped to consider how

AWESOME

it is that the GOD OF ALL THIS UNIVERSE
has SPOKEN to man! That fact, should send us



SEARCHING

DILIGENTLY - WORKING HARD
with all our heart to find out what
God, the King & Supreme Ruler of all
this universe has to say!

And look what God says will happen when we do
that: Jeremiah 29:13-14 KJB

“And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye
shall search for me with all your heart.

And I will be found of you, saith the LORD:...”

God has SO MANY WONDERFUL FACTS about Himself
that He wants us to learn! And He says that all we have to do
is SEARCH FOR HIM with ALL OUR HEARTS, & HE will
reveal Himself to us! He’s already got everything we need
to do that ready & waiting to help us find Him! And if you
TRULY want to LEARN about Him & KNOW Him, God
will little by little teach you what He wants you
TO LEARN!

So far, in our first 2 lessons on this topic entitled
“LEARN WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW”,
we learned that:

1. God put us on earth so that we would seek Him.
Read Acts 17:24-27.
2. God wants all of us to LEARN that HE IS REAL!

And that is where we will continue with this topic

today. Over the next few weeks, we will LEARN about some of the WAYS & PROOFS that God has given us to show us & help us LEARN that
HE IS REAL!

Do you remember this scripture that we learned?

“But the LORD *is* the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king:...” Jeremiah 10:10 KJB

So today let’s continue SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES with ALL OUR HEARTS to LEARN what God wants us to LEARN about Him!

“Study to shew (show) thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
2Timothy 2:15 KJB

In our lesson from 9-28-08, we learned that the very first man, Adam, & the very first woman, Eve, KNEW for CERTAIN that GOD IS REAL! The Lord SPOKE to them PERSONALLY in the Garden of Eden. We ended that lesson with this question:

So if the very first people on earth KNEW FOR CERTAIN that God is REAL & they KNEW the true, living, everlasting God personally, how ever did it end up that many people throughout history do NOT believe that God is REAL & that there is ONLY ONE REAL GOD?

As we should ALWAYS DO when we have



questions, we will now read God's answer to that question. His answer is given in Romans 1:21-23.

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things."

Romans 1:25 tells us this:

"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

What does God say man did over time? They thought THEMSELVES to be WISE. In other words, they felt they did NOT need God to tell them what they should know. But look what God says about that! He said they became FOOLS! Read Psalm 14:1! They CHANGED or EXCHANGED His TRUTH for a LIE! They EXCHANGED His TRUTH that we find in Isaiah 45:5 in which the Lord says this about Himself:

"I *am* the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me..."



for the LIE that there ARE other gods beside God.

Many even exchanged God's TRUTH about Himself for the LIE that THEY are gods! And we've already LEARNED WHO is behind THOSE LIES in one of our previous lessons!

"Now the serpent (Satan) was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made, And he said unto the woman (in the Garden of Eden) Yea, hath God said..."

Genesis 3:1a-c KJB



Right back there in that Garden of Eden where Adam & the woman KNEW FOR CERTAIN that God IS REAL, Satan began his WORK (& he WORKS REAL HARD throughout history) to get people to believe HIS LIES instead of GOD'S TRUTH! That is why God tells us to STUDY His TRUTH really well so we WON'T FALL FOR SATAN'S LIES! We'll get to know God's truth SO WELL that we'll be able to SPOT SATAN'S LIE in a second! (By the way, from what the woman answered Satan in Genesis 3:2, she most likely either did not pay much attention to what she had learned about God's exact command in Genesis 2:16-17 or she forgot what she learned.

So right from there in that Garden where Adam & the woman KNEW FOR CERTAIN that God IS REAL, man began to EXCHANGE the TRUTH OF GOD for SATAN'S LIES! Then, as more & more people were born into this world, more & more people CHOSE NOT to believe that The LORD *"is* the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king:..."

Even though the 1st man & woman KNEW FOR CERTAIN that God is the One who supplied all they needed to live on earth, as history moved further

on in time, many people no longer saw God as their Creator & the One who supplied all their needs.



More & more people began worshipping things like the sun, the moon, the stars, animals and other men & beings which they called “gods”. As history moved forward, more & more people moved further & further away from the ONE TRUE LIVING GOD, until some people

began to say that THERE IS NO GOD AT ALL! These people are called ATHEISTS!

Oh my! Look what God calls the ATHEISTS:

“The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.*”

Psalm 53:1 KJB

Not only has God called those who say there is no God FOOLS, but God says that in the end, NONE of us will have any excuse at all for NOT believing that He is REAL & that He is

THE ONE TRUE LIVING GOD,
THE CREATOR & THE SUPREME RULER
OF ALL!

And WHY will none have any excuse for NOT believing that God is REAL? Well, again, let’s simply READ what God’s answer to that is!

“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed (showed) it into them.

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead: so that they are without excuse:"

Romans 1:19-20 KJB

Let's read that scripture AGAIN, once more very slowly to see what God is saying here. The 1st thing God says is this:

"that which may be known of God is manifest in them."

First we need to know what that word MANIFEST means. Manifest means "CLEAR TO SEE OR UNDERSTAND". It means PLAINLY SEEN OR UNDERSTOOD! God tells us that knowing that GOD IS REAL is CLEAR & PLAIN to see or understand. Where does God say that this is CLEAR & PLAIN to understand that God is REAL? God says it is clear & plain to understand IN THEM! God is saying that there is something right inside us that CLEARLY & PLAINLY shows us that GOD IS REAL! Can you guess what that might be?

Well, let's see if the next part of that scripture helps us figure it out. God says that the fact that He is REAL is PLAIN & CLEAR TO SEE WITHIN US

"for God hath shewed (showed) it unto them."



So now we must ask the question:

HOW HAS GOD,

WHO IS INVISIBLE,

shown all mankind that He, The Lord, is

"the true God, he is the living God,

and an everlasting king:..." ?

Well, LET'S READ ON in Romans 1:20 now to see what
GOD SAYS about HOW He has shown us IN US that
HE IS REAL!

"For the invisible things of him (God is INVISI-
BLE to our human eyes) from the creation of the
world are clearly seen,"

God says that the CREATION OF THE WORLD
has CLEARLY SHOWN US that
HE IS REAL!

God tells us that the INVISIBLE THINGS - the things about
God that we CANNOT see with our eyes, - can be CLEARLY
SEEN by the things He created in the world! How can
we clearly see these INVISIBLE things of God?

God tells us that the way is this:



"...being understood by the things
that are made,"

God tells us that all the things which He's
made, things like the sun, the moon, the stars -
even YOU & I, all these things tell us certain
things about God. What are the certain
things that we can LEARN about God from the
things of this world that He created? The rest of Ro-
mans 1:20 tells us what we can CLEARLY SEE:

" *even his eternal power and Godhead (His Divine
nature - what God is like): so that they are without
excuse:*"

Read Duet 29:29 too.

Until next week for part 2 of this lesson, look closely at some
of the things God has created. See if you explain how God's
CREATION shows us His eternal power & His Divine
Nature. How does CREATION show us GOD IS REAL?

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- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
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