



Lesson 2: Evidence for the Existence of God

Examining the two ways God reveals Himself to man

Belief in the very existence of God is the starting point for our eternal salvation. Hebrews 11:6 states that “without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” The existence of God cannot be proven scientifically or unequivocally, anymore than we could prove the existence of George Washington or Napoleon. But there is a lot of evidence to support the conclusion that God exists.

If God exists, He alone would be in a position to reveal that fact and show man His nature (**1 Corinthians 2:11**). Has He done this? The answer is, “Yes!” God has revealed Himself to us in two ways: through *General Revelation* (nature) and through the *Special Revelation* we have in the Bible. In other words, there is evidence for God in the *sky* and in the *Scriptures*, in the *World* and in the *Word*. The two ways God has revealed Himself to man are clearly set before us in Psalm 19:1-11.

1. Psalm 19:1-6 teaches that all men may learn of God’s glorious existence through His creation.
 - What declares the glory of God?
 - How often is this evidence for the glory of God presented?
 - In how many languages can this evidence be understood?
 - Is this evidence limited geographically? Is there any place on earth it doesn’t go?
2. In Psalm 19:7-11 we learn that God is revealed through the life-changing benefits of His word. According to these verses, what can God’s word do for man?
3. What can be understood about God through the things that are made? (Romans 1:19-20)
 - Is there any excuse for men not knowing these things about God?
4. What did Paul do to convince pagan idolaters of the existence of the one true God? (Acts 17:16-17)
5. In Acts 17:24-29, Paul makes several arguments to demonstrate the nature of the one true God.
 - What evidence does Paul offer to show that God does not merely dwell in man-made temples?
 - What evidence does Paul offer to show that God does not need anything from man?
 - What evidence does Paul offer to show that God cannot be a man-made idol?
6. According to Acts 14:17, what “witness” did God leave to testify of His nature and existence?

7. Choose a famous historical figure and explain what evidence you could offer to prove that he or she existed.