

God Speaks

Message Two

Through His World

Psalm 19: 1-6 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

God has spoken through creation not only to make His existence known, but to say something about the kind of God He is – **awesome and glorious.**

And, He has spoken in a way that shows the scope of His authority, reign and power – over all the earth.

Introduction

Francis Bacon was a 15th-century scientist and Lord Chancellor of England.

Observing the world around him, Bacon said: "There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent us from falling into error:

first the volume of the Scriptures, which reveal the will of God;

then the volume of the creation, which expresses His power."

In this message we will consider how God speaks through creation.

In the creation account in **Genesis 1-2**, God made everything in the physical world and pronounced it "good," even "very good."

This Hebrew word for "good" [– towb] means pleasant or agreeable.

That is, God's creation was not only beautiful, but it also accomplished the purpose for which He created it.

Creation's beauty and splendor – reflecting the beauty and splendor of God – served as a resounding choir singing praises to the glory of the One who made it.

Let's look together as how God speaks through His world.

I – The Content of Creation's Message – "God is Glorious" (*Psalm 19: 1*)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

God speaks.

In the words of Francis Schaeffer, "He is there and He is not silent."

One of the mouthpieces through which God speaks is His creation, and, as David tells us, the message that creation declares is clear: "God is glorious."

What does it mean for God to have "glory?"

The Hebrew word "glory" [– kabowd] often carries the idea of "weightiness" to indicate the magnitude of something.

The idea of splendor or majesty also comes to mind.

In other words, the being behind this incredible creation is no lightweight.

He is weighty,

full of splendor,

majestic.

The creation we observe is great, but its greatness is not a testimony to itself.

It is a testimony to the all-surpassing greatness, beauty, splendor, majesty, and glory of the One who created it.

In the words of Isaac Watts, "Nature with open volume stands to spread her Maker's praise abroad."

Application:

Each day, consider the ways the majesty and beauty of creation sounds forth the message, "God is glorious."

Take time to stop and praise God, who is glorious, even if it is a prayer from your heart as you drive along.

Look for opportunities to use the glory of God in creation as a bridge for sharing the good news about reconciliation with this glorious God through repentance and faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

II – The Extent of Creation's Message – At all Times, Everywhere (*Psalm 19: 2-6*)

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6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

God's speech through His creation is not difficult to see, if you know what you're looking for.

It is not limited.

There is no chance for a person seeking it to miss it.

God continuously speaks through creation – "day after day" and "night after night."

Though the "speech" is not verbal and audible, using words, it is no less clear and discernible.

This message is proclaimed "through all the earth" and "to the end of the world," indicating that this God who speaks is not some regional, false deity, like those worshipped by pagan nations in Old Testament times.

Rather, He is the God of all creation.

From one end of the earth to the other, and everywhere in between and beyond, He is God.

Though man in his sinful state is often inclined to worship the creation rather than the Creator

Romans 1: 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Even the most obvious and powerful creation in the natural world, the sun, only and always does the will of the One who created it.

Though awesome in power and heat, it simply follows the path laid out by God, doing that for which it was created, providing light and heat to the glory of God.

The sun is not to be worshipped as a "god," as if it has some power or authority of its own.

It simply gives daily testimony over all of God's creation that the God who made it is there and has made Himself known.

Application: Creation is proclaiming to all people everywhere that God is glorious.

Though this message is sufficient to make all men guilty before this glorious and holy God, the testimony of creation is not sufficient to bring salvation, which only comes through hearing and responding in repentance and faith to the Gospel of Christ.

As you look at the glory of God in creation, pray for those who are verbally sharing the Gospel to the ends of the earth, telling people how they can know this glorious God in a personal way.

At the same time, ask God how He would have you be part of taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth – through praying, giving, and even going.

Conclusion

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had direct fellowship with God, the One about whom the creation sings.

After the fall, their direct fellowship with God was broken because of sin.

Though likewise affected by the fall, creation continues to sing forth the glory of the God who made it, making known to all men His existence and man's accountability to Him.

Romans 8: 19-22 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

I. A GROAN OF PAIN

II. A GROAN OF LONGING

III. A GROAN OF HOPE

Knowledge of God's existence through creation cannot give salvation.

However, the God who speaks through His creation has made it possible for man to be reconciled with Him through the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, by whom, through whom, and for whom all things were made.

John 1: 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Colossians 1: 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.



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