

# **REASONS WHY WE CAN KNOW GOD**

## **Psalm 19 - Of David.**

*v1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. v2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. v3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. v4 Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, v5 which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. v6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. v7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. v8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. v9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. v10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. v11 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. v12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. v13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. v14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

There has been great progress in the development of communication systems since creation. Word of mouth, Light, Smoke signals, Runners or riders, Letters, Pigeons, Telegraph, Telephone, Wireless, Television, and on and on goes the list.

Our understanding of God has also changed over the years. God has always been communicating in ALL ways. Our understanding of His communication has been enhanced by our development in communication skills.

There is only one major difference in how we gain knowledge about anything else as opposed to how we gain knowledge about GOD.

For us to gain knowledge about anything other than God means we NEED to STUDY that "THING". For us to gain knowledge about God means GOD NEEDS TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO US.

## **SO, WHAT ARE THE REASONS WHY WE CAN KNOW GOD**

### **Firstly WE CAN KNOW GOD BECAUSE**

#### **I. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN NATURE – v1-4a**

*v1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. v2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. v3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. v4 Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*

##### **1. NATURE REVEALS SOMETHING OF GOD'S CHARACTER**

- i. **His GLORY is DECLARED.** *v1 The heavens declare the glory of God;*
- ii. **His CREATIVE POWER is PROCLAIMED.** *v1 ... the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*
- iii. **His WISDOM is DISPLAYED.** *v2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.*

##### **2. NATURE REVEALS in a UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.** *v3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. v4 Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world*

Everybody can comprehend the concept of a CREATOR GOD.

#### **GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN NATURE – v1-4a**

### **Secondly WE CAN KNOW GOD BECAUSE**

#### **II. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH SCRIPTURE – v7-13**

*v7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. v8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The*

*commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. v9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.*

**SIX STATEMENTS ABOUT GOD’S WORD ARE MENTIONED.**

A TITLE is given, then an ATTRIBUTE, then an EFFECT.

### **1. SIX TITLES FOR GOD’S WORD**

- i. **LAW of the LORD.** v7 – The GENERAL description of God’s Word.
- ii. **STATUTES of the LORD.** v7 – The DIRECTIONS designed to secured obedience. – Law Books.
- iii. **PRECEPTS of the LORD.** v8 – The RULES for everyday living.
- iv. **COMMANDS of the LORD.** v8 – The DIVINE DECREES of God. (Ten Commandments).
- v. **FEAR of the LORD.** v9 – The ATTITUDE developed through respect for God’s Word.
- vi. **ORDINANCES of the LORD.** v9 – The JUDGEMENTS of God.

The KEY to the WORD is that it is “of the LORD”.

### **2. SIX ATTRIBUTES REGARDING GOD’S WORD**

- i. **PERFECT.** v7 – COMPLETE and lacks nothing.
- ii. **TRUSTWORTHY.** v7 – DEPENDABLE and reliable.
- iii. **RIGHT.** v8 – The ASSURANCE that while humanity may think God’s Word is “old fashioned”, it is still God’s Standard.
- iv. **RADIANT.** v8 – The BRIGHTNESS of God’s Word stands head and shoulders above all else.
- v. **PURE.** v9 – CLEAN, honest, and respected.
- vi. **SURE.** v9 – Always TRUE and never false.

God’s WORD is above reproach in all ways.

### **3. SIX EFFECTS OF GOD’S WORD**

- i. **REVIVING the soul.** v7 – Complete nourishment is received from the WORD.
- ii. **MAKE wise the simple.** v7 – WISDOM and KNOWLEDGE are not the same. Wisdom is not gained from the QUANTITY of knowledge, but rather on the QUALITY of knowledge.
- iii. **GIVE joy to the heart.** v8 – HAPPINESS and JOY are not the same either. Happiness depends on the “HAP” of life, but JOY depends on the HEART of life.
- iv. **GIVE light to the eyes.** v8 – God’s WORD always guides us into all truth.
- v. **ENDURES forever.** v9 – GOD’S WORD ENDURES FOREVER.
- vi. **ALTOGETER righteous.** v9 – GOD’S WORD WILL NEVER FAIL.

*v10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. v11 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. v12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. v13 Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.*

**GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN NATURE – v1-4a**

**GOD REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH SCRIPTURE – v7-9**

## Thirdly WE CAN KNOW GOD BECAUSE

### III. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH HIS SON – v4b-6, 14

*v4 .... In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, v5 which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. v6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.*

*v14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

#### 1. JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. *v4 .... In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun.*

*John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

#### 2. JESUS IS THE BRIDEGROOM. *v5 which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.*

*Mark 2:18-20 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?" v19 Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. v20 But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.*

#### 3. JESUS IS THE ROCK. *v14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, **O LORD, my Rock** and my Redeemer.*

*Ephesians 2:19-21 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, v20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.** v21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.*

#### 4. JESUS IS THE REDEEMER. *v14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock **and my Redeemer.***

*Luke 1:68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.*

*Galatians 3:13-14 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." v14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

### Conclusion **GOD STILL SPEAKS TODAY**

Romans 1:18-20 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, v19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. v20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.