

Lesson One

What Does the Bible Teach About The Natural Knowledge of God?

1. How does the Bible deal with proving the existence of God?

Genesis 1:1 The Bible has never tried to prove the existence of God. Holy Scripture simply approaches God's existence as a fact. No one can prove that God exists. There are, however, was in which we can conclude, along with most of mankind throughout history, that God indeed does exist. There will be addressed in point 3.

2. What does the Bible say concerning those who deny the existence of God?

Psalm 14:1 The bible calls that person a fool. Why do you suppose that is?

Why do you think man wants to deny the existence of God? Rebellion; want to be like God if not actually God.

What is Atheism? One who denies that there is a God. Is there really such a person?

What is Agnosticism? God may or may not exist, but we cannot know Him, nor does He care about us. (at a distance)

3. How can everyone come to the conclusion that there is a God?

Hebrews 3:4 Logic: this is called the Prime Mover or First Builder form of logic. i.e.; Who made the raw materials to make the watch? This is also basic to the Intelligent Design in creation argument

Psalm 19:1 Nature: Many times in Scripture the writer was awed at creation and could not imagine that they do anything but point to God and His glory: The incomprehensible nature of the Universe, the beauty of a sunset, the power of a hurricane; all seem to point to the truth that there is a God.

Romans 2:14, 15 The fact that there is something called order in civilization is also an indication of a Higher Moral Standard. This can be observed in History. Most, if all cultures have laws against such things as murder, stealing, fornication, etc. When such standards are violated their conscience accuses them. Paul says that this tells us that God's laws are written upon the hearts of all people.

4. What does the existence of the universe and the voice of the conscience say about God?

Romans 1:20 Nature points clearly to the existence of a God, so much so that Paul says no man is without excuse to recognize that there is a Creator and Authority which transcends man and is superior to creation.

Psalm 104:24 We don't need to consider History to realize that God exists. We only need to look at His creation around us.

Acts 14:17 We can also see that God is not at a distance but rather provides for our needs. He gives rain, food (physical needs) and even fills our hearts with joy (emotional needs).

Romans 1:32 In spite of all of this evidence, the Universe, the conscience, the provision, In spite of us being away of the consequences of our ignoring God, the awful truth is that we want to ignore God and all that He has for us. In fact, Paul tells us that we were enemies of God.

Review

What is the natural knowledge of God? Natural knowledge of God is that which any man can know by simply being honest with their, their observations, and with their heart.

What is the effect of natural knowledge? Natural Knowledge of God is a blessing for mankind.

- 1) Civil Order in society (the conscience) and the Law written on our hearts
- 2) Calls for us to search for God.

Is the natural knowledge of God all that man needs to know? No Why? _____

What other kind of knowledge has God given to us? Revealed Knowledge or the Holy Bible, Special Revelation