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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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God Is Not Hiding

Ps 19:1-6; Rom 1:20; Acts 14:15-17

God reveals His existence through creation (Ps. 19:1-6)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands. 2 Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge. 3 There is no speech; there are no words; their voice is not heard. 4 Their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun. 5 It is like a groom coming from the bridal chamber; it rejoices like an athlete running a course. 6 It rises from one end of the heavens and circles to their other end; nothing is hidden from its heat.

Additional Cross-References:

Isaiah 6:9-10
Matthew 13:15

God reveals His attributes through creation (Rom. 1:20)

20 From the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what He has made. As a result, people are without excuse.

Additional Cross-References:

Rom 2:14-15
Genesis 1:27

God reveals His intentions through creation (Acts 14:15-17)

15 "Men! Why are you doing these things? We are men also, with the same nature as you, and we are proclaiming good news to you, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. 16 In past generations He allowed all the nations to go their own way, 17 although He did not leave Himself without a witness, since He did good: giving you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and satisfying your hearts with food and happiness."

Additional Cross-References:

Romans 8:22
2 Peter 3:13
Matthew 5:45

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What are some of the hints and clues we see in creation that point us to the existence of a Creator? Conversely, what are some of the aspects of creation that cause some people to believe that no Creator exists?

What knowledge of God's character do we gain by looking at creation?

Name some of God's attributes revealed in the Bible. How might some of these be communicated in the visible world? Where and how do we see them proclaimed in nature, including in general human experience?

What does the description of Paul and Barnabas' actions in Acts 14:11-18 tell us about evangelistic motives, demeanor, strategy, and message?

Series: The God Who Speaks

NEXT WEEK

God Is Not Mute: The God Who Reveals Himself Through His Word

- 2 Tim 3:16-17
- Ps 19:7-11
- Luke 24:25-27