
Romans 11:33

INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

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Advisory — God Has Spoken! How Has God Spoken to Us?

Text: Psalm 19:1-11; Romans 1:16-32

Key Text: *Romans 1:16-17, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”*

I. God’s natural revelation (Psalm 19:1-6).

A. Definitions:

1. Heavens:

- a. Sometimes, it is the sky (James 5:18).
- b. Sometimes, it is space (Mark 13:25).
- c. Sometimes, it refers to the throne-room of God (Matthew 5:16).

2. Firmament: Poetically the sky (Genesis 1:6). Thus, the idea is that the same thing is repeated twice.

B. Further, the rotation of the earth giving days and seasons show the glory of God (Psalm 19:2).

- C. This concept is a form of communication that transcends language (Psalm 19:3).
- D. Specifically, the sun declares God's existence (Psalm 19:4-6).
- E. Yet, in the end, the natural revelation of God does not communicate certain things that God would have us to know.

II. God's special revelation (Psalm 19:7-11).

- A. Notice, the different words used to describe God's special revelation, the Bible (remember the subtle differences): Law, Testimony, Statutes, Commandments, Fear, Judgments.
- B. Further, notice the things that can be gained from the special revelation that cannot be gained from the natural revelation.
- C. This special revelation is better and to be desired more than the things we can learn from natural revelation (Psalm 19:10).
- D. We know right from wrong because of special revelation (Psalm 19:11a).
- E. We can receive a great reward (positively or negatively) because of special revelation (Psalm 19:11b).

Conclusion:

- 1. Romans 1:16-32 supports all the conclusions we have just drawn from Psalm 19.
- 2. Today, God has likewise revealed Himself to us in two different ways:
 - A. The natural revelation of God – the world.
 - B. The special revelation of God – the Word.