



SESSION 1

GOD REVEALED TRUTH FOR LIFE

Theme: God reveals Himself to us through His world and His Word.

I. _____ Revelation Gives _____ about God

A. Clues about God's _____

1. Creation's _____: God must be _____

God made the universe _____ as a testimony of His _____, _____ power.

2. Creation's _____: God must be _____

The _____ nature of God's creation points to the _____ of His wisdom.

B. Clues about God's _____

1. _____ in creation: God must be _____

_____ and destruction are everywhere. Serious problems affect _____ and every part of our _____.

God created the world _____ and then judged the world when man _____. His judgment on the world is just.

2. _____ in creation: God must be _____

God limited the troubles we experience. The limits demonstrate His _____ and point to Him as the _____ to all of life's problems.

II. _____ Revelation Reveals _____ about God

A. Truths about God's _____

We can be _____ in our knowledge of God by _____ and studying His _____.

Jesus reveals God by showing us God's _____ for humanity, His _____ of sin, and His graciousness toward _____ who _____.

B. Truths about God's _____

Praise God He gave us His Word so we can connect the _____ of our observations of _____ and understand His message of _____.



Time with God

Read each passage and answer the questions to spend personal time with God.

MONDAY

Read Romans 1:20.

What does creation reveal about God?

When has something in creation aided in your understanding of God?

THURSDAY

Read Psalm 33:5.

Name some limits God put on the present troubles that came as a result of man's sin.

What evidence of God's grace have you seen in your life?

TUESDAY

Read Romans 11:33, 34.

What is your response to the fact that a piece of paper is about one million atoms thick?

How would you answer Paul's questions in verse 34? Why?

FRIDAY

Read Exodus 34:5–7; Hebrews 1:1–3.

What did Moses learn about God as God's glory passed over him?

What have you learned about God by observing Christ in God's Word?

WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 1:31; Deuteronomy 32:3, 4.

What was true of God's creation on the day He completed it (Gen. 1:31)?

What can we learn about God as we observe death and destruction in the world today? What does Moses tell us in Deuteronomy 32:3 and 4?

SATURDAY

Read Genesis 3:14, 15; John 3:16, 36.

Who is the Seed of the woman and how did He defeat (crush) Satan (the serpent's head)?

How have you responded to the gospel as revealed in God's Word?

Tough Questions Answered



Do natural revelation and special revelation agree?



A recent deep space discovery shows that God's natural and special revelation agree. Scientists used the James Web Space Telescope (JWST) to examine objects in space that they think formed within the first billion years of the universe's existence. They believe that about 13.8 billion years ago a big bang started the process that formed the universe. So, they predicted that the JWST would capture deep space images of relatively small and less developed galaxies that would align with their big bang theory. Instead, they observed three red monster galaxies. The three galaxies go beyond what the scientists thought were limitations on galaxy formation. They think the galaxies must have grown very big very quickly.

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The red monster galaxies, which rival the Milky Way Galaxy in size, caused scientists to wonder if they need to rethink their understanding of universe's formation. They believe they are seeing the red monster galaxies as they were billions of years ago, thinking the light the galaxies gave off near their formation is just now reaching earth. But what they see are fully developed, monstrous galaxies. They can't understand how galaxies that should look much smaller than the Milky Way are similar in size instead.

The Bible tells us that God formed the universe in six days (Gen 1). He created all the galaxies on one day. So, the red monster galaxies and the Milky Way are all the exact same age, being thousands (not billions) of years old.

As we observe monster galaxies in deep space, we should praise God for His powerful greatness. The galaxies are monstrous and in deep, deep space. As David wrote, the heavens declare God's glory and the objects of the night sky, including three red monster galaxies, reveal knowledge about God (Ps. 19:1, 2). David added that there is no speech or language that can't comprehend what the heavens tell us about God (19:3, 4). The heavens tell a story of God's greatness—a message that God's Word confirms.

Stunning Displays



Chameleons change color by dispersing or bringing together pigment granules in special cells. The chameleon concentrates its pigment to appear lighter-colored and spreads its pigment out to appear darker-colored. Hormones and temperature work with the chameleon's autonomic nervous system to affect its color. So, what is happening around the chameleon and how the chameleon is responding will affect its color. Of course, without the full spectrum of color God created as part of white light, the chameleon would only be able



to change from one shade of gray to another. Light makes the chameleon stunning to our eyes, which God designed to capture light's colorful rays.

God's Word reflects spiritual light, showing us the gloriousness of God's saving grace. Nothing in all of His creation is as stunning as God's plan of salvation!

Memory Verse Review



Memory Verses—Psalm 19:1, 7

God's creation reveals that He must exist and must be all-powerful, all-wise, and glorious beyond our comprehension. But creation can't tell us how to be saved. We must read God's revelation in the Bible to understand His plan of salvation. God's Word is perfect and complete. It tells us all we need to know to have spiritual restoration and live wisely before the Lord.

1. What parts of God's creation do you think best reveal His glory?
2. How has God's Word affected your life?
3. How can you show your appreciation for God's Word?

Additional Memory Verses—Hebrews 1:1–4.

Measuring Growth



Natural revelation gives us clues about God's works. We can learn that He must be powerful, for His creation is immense, and that He must be wise, for His creation is so intricate we could never fully discover it. Natural revelation also reveals God's ways. The problems in creation show that God must be just. And God's provisions for dealing with problems in creation show that He must be gracious. Special revelation, meaning the Bible and Jesus Christ, reveal truths about God's person and plan of salvation. We need God's special revelation to know His solution to our sin problem.

Look for the following indicators that you value God's natural and special revelation.

1. I observe nature as God's creation and praise Him for it.
2. I value God's Word for its message of eternal life.
3. I praise God often for His perfect Word.