

God's Sermon Illustrations - Sermons from Nature

Some argue that there is nothing religiously instructive in the Creation...that it is altogether corrupted and therefore cannot teach us of God.

Others argue that there may be lessons to be learned, but they can only be learned by the "regenerated."

Still others argue that there is enough evidence of God in nature even to lead to salvation; in other words, a proper understanding of nature will lead one naturally to salvation...to God.

The Bible teaches none of these views.

There is evidence of God in Creation – Romans 1.18-25

1. This has been named "General Revelation" by theologians.
 - a. Psalm 19.1-6
 - b. It is available to all people of all languages everywhere and all the time.
 - c. It is a "general" revelation of the existence and power (Godhood) of God.
2. Acts 14.15-17
 - a. Paul told the Lycaonians that God had not left himself without witness even though He had allowed the nations to go their own ways
 - b. This witness was in the form of God's provisions from nature
3. There is much to be learned from the Creation by any who will be instructed
4. But it is in the light of the revealed Word of God, the "Special Revelation" that we begin to see the complete harmony between the two

We will examine only three things in God's Creation to begin with, that demonstrate how the "General Revelation" of the Creation is in exact harmony and points to the truth of the "Special Revelation" of God's Word.

Sun – Psalm 19.7; Malachi 4.1-2

Moon – Psalm 8.3; Revelation 12.1ⁱ

Earth –

1. It is the center piece of God's Creation
2. It has been the center of man's existence since the beginning
 - a. Was considered the center of the universe for millennia
 - b. Still, to this day, nothing like it anywhere
 - c. A jewel in the heavens of God's Creation
3. We can see in it God's care in creating a habitat for man and the things he would need
4. How much more care has gone into "I go to prepare a place for you..."

ⁱ **The creation of the moon**

The creation of the moon is recounted in Genesis 1:14-19. Though discounted by "modern science," which does not like to retain God in its knowledge (Romans 1:28-32, 1 q.v.), the Genesis account makes at least as much sense as any other theory for the origin of the moon.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven

to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was good*.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

The text does not tell us how God made the sun, moon, and stars, but it does tell us why he made them. Their purpose is strictly geocentric:

1. to divide day from night
2. for signs
3. for seasons
4. for days
5. for years
6. to give light upon the earth
7. to rule over day (the sun) and night (the moon)
8. The sun and moon were made to praise the Lord (Psa. 148:3).

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