

HOW CAN I KNOW THERE IS A GOD

SONGS: "How Great Thou Art"
"This is My Father's World"

TEXT: Psa. 19

INTRODUCTION:

- A. There is a God, we can know that.
- B. There are at least three ways that we can know there is a God.
 - 1. Nature.
 - 2. Bible.
 - 3. Our innerself.
- C. Psa. 19 gives these three ways.
- D. Famous atheist Burtron Russell was asked if he was wrong and there was indeed a God what would he say to Him. "You did not give enough evidence."
- E. But God did.

BODY:

- I. BY NATURE 19:1-6.
 - A. "If the stars only came out once a year we would spend all night looking at them."
 - B. Notice the careful order of the heavens (Sun 9 Planets)
 - 1. Sun 865,000 miles in diam.
 - 2. 9 planets.
 - a. Mercury closest to sun only 67.2 million miles away.
 - b. Pluto furthest - 3,666 million.
 - c. Some planets have moons 0-13 or more.
 - d. Earth, 1 moon about 240,000 miles away.
 - e. Earth is 7,926 miles in diam.
 - f. Jupiter is 88,700 miles in diam.
 - 3. Not counting some 2,000+ asteroids that revolve around the sun between Mars and Jupiter.
 - C. Each Star represents a solar system, most could be even more complex than ours.

D. Could not have just happened.

E. Other scriptures talk about this witness to the existence of God.

1. Acts 14:17 "Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

2. Rom. 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

3. Rev. 15:3-4

4. Ps. 40:5 **Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.**

5. Psa. 97:6 **The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.**

F. Man himself is a wonderful work of God.

1. Psa. 139:13-16. **For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.**

2. Brain is almost limitless.

a. Billions of bits of information.

b. Things acquired over a life time.

c. Nothing is ever forgotten, can not recall all but it is there, from before birth until death.

3. Seasons in nature like life itself.

a. Childhood and birth = Spring.

b. Manhood and productive years= Summer.

c. Old age and wisdom and harvest= Fall.

d. Sickness and death = Winter.

4. Jer. 8:20 "The harvest is past the Summer is ended and we are not saved."

II. BY GOD'S WORD THE BIBLE 19:7-11.

A. Notice the Bible.

1. 1 Book with 2 main divisions.
2. Made up of 66 books.
3. Average English Bible has:
 - a. 1,000 to 1,500 pages.
 - b. 31,102 verses.
 - c. 1,289 chapters.
 - d. takes about 90 hours to read.

B. The average word in the Bible has 5 letters.

C. 1 Tim. 2:3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

D. Bible covers several thousands years written by different men of different times.
Many have tried to destroy it.

E. Notice the verses: 7-11.

1. Perfect-converting the soul.
2. Sure-never has failed never will.
3. Able to make you wise.
4. Right-no mistakes.
5. Rejoicing the heart.
6. Pure.
7. Enlightening the eyes.
8. Fear of the Lord is clean, enduring.
9. True-nothing false.
10. Righteous altogether.
11. Desirable-more than Gold.
12. Sweeter than honey.
13. Warning.
14. Rewarding for those keeping them.

2 Pet. 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

If you read with open mind cannot come to any other conclusion but there is a God.

III. THE HEART (INNER MAN) (CONSCIENCE).

A. Man is a worshipping creature.

B. Ecc. 3:10-11 eternity is set in his heart. **I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.**

C. How could man ever come up with the concept of eternity without God having told him.

D. There is what is known as an inner-man - Rom. 7:22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

E. Also called the conscience.

1. Rom. 2:13-16 13 (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

2. Rom. 13:5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

3. Acts 24:16 "This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

F. The conscience condemns us.

1. Jn. 8:9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

2. Prov. 20:9. **Who can say, "I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin"?**

3. Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

4. Words like, remorse, conviction, guilt.

D. Conscience and Baptism meet, 1 Pet. 3:21-22 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the

answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

CONCLUSION:

A. How Can We Know There Is A God?

B. NATURE, BIBLE, CONSCIENCE.