

Declaring the Glory of God

Introduction

- The things that are seen & visible reveal truths about that which is unseen & invisible.
- The things that are created reveal truths about that the Creator.
- God is benevolent & unbiased in revealing Himself to humanity.
- God is benevolent & unbiased in revealing truth to humanity.

I. The Voice of Creation (v. 1-6)

A. The message (v. 1)

The heavenly creation reveals God's handiwork (actions, deeds). They reveal that no one could possibly have made them but the Almighty God. They reveal God's work in their detail, stability, functionality & longevity. They reveal the omnipotence, omniscience & omnipresence of God – the glory of God.

B. The means (2-6)

*The massive sky, sun, moon & stars are speaking for God. They reveal the glory of God without audible words or speech (v. 3). They reveal the glory of God everywhere, all the time & in every language (v. 2, 4a). The sun is mentioned as one means of the message or testimony from the heavens (v. 4b-6). *This witness from heaven speaks to all people & leaves them with no excuse for unbelief (Rom. 1:18-20).**

II. The Voice of the Word (v. 7-11)

A. The message (v. 7-8, 11)

*The message is: you can be refreshed and made wise (v. 7); you can have joy and spiritual insight (v. 8); you can be warned of danger and receive great reward (v. 11). *Those who believe can be refreshed, wise, rejoice, have insight, be warned & receive a great reward. This is the blessed life!**

B. The means (v. 7-11)

These blessings are not accomplished by the witness of creation (sky, sun, moon & stars). These blessings come thru believing & obeying the word of God. The word of God is: complete & reliable (v. 7); pleasing to God & unmixed with evil (v. 8); clean, changeless & true (v. 9); precious &

full of enjoyment (v. 10). The word of God is complete, reliable, right, pure, clean, changeless, true, precious & full of enjoyment. Those who believe can be refreshed, wise, rejoice, have insight, be warned & receive a reward. So how does the believer respond to this?

III. The Voice of the Saint (v. 12-14)

A. The message

*The word of God & the HS give **insight** into: the character of God & the danger of sin; the blessings of obeying God (Heb. 4:12). This brings conviction of sin & causes the saint to seek forgiveness (v. 12). The saint longs to be free from the control of sins & longs for a clear conscience before God (v. 13). The saint longs for thoughts & words to be pleasing to God (v. 14).*

B. The means

*Prayer is the means of communicating with the Creator, Author of the word & Purifier of our hearts. Prayer is the means of confession & making requests. **Ps. 139:1f, 23-24; Ps. 51:1f, 10-12.** Prayer is also a means of praise – 8:1ff; 34:1ff*

ILL: Sometimes with infants and young children, soft music, active game or TV program can calm a child for a while. But not of these things can take the place of mom or dad physically touching, talking to, comforting, correcting & nurturing that child.

APPL: The same is true in the kingdom of God. The child of God can marvel at the sun, moon, stars, mountains, oceans, etc. & be amazed at God's handiwork. But none of these created things can replace the blessing of hearing from our heavenly Father; receiving His comfort, counsel, correction, instruction, love, peace, joy...

CONCLUSION

Therefore my beloved brothers or sisters aren't you thankful that you are not dependent upon the sun, moon & stars to speak to you about God? Aren't you thankful that the eyes of your heart have been enlightened to see that you were a sinner in need of a Savior? Aren't you thankful that the word of God revealed that Jesus is the only Savior for sinners? Aren't you thankful for the encouragement & promises from the word of God; teaching, reproof, correction & training; light, life, liberty, hope, strength, counsel, wisdom... that come from the word of God? If you are thankful, then you should respond in prayer & praise just as the Psalmist. If you are thankful, then you should be declaring the glory of God likewise. You should declare that He alone is omnipotent, omniscient & omnipresent; He is holy & eternal (from everlasting to everlasting); God is love & He has loved us with an everlasting love. Declare the glory of God because nothing can separate from the love of God...

If you are not a Christian, you should pray also. Pray that you are not dependent upon the sun, moon & stars to speak to you about God. Pray that your heart would be opened to hear the truth about Jesus. Pray for Jesus to save you, give you a new heart & eternal life. Jesus has given His life to save you from the penalty of your sins. Will you trust Him today for salvation; will you believe...?

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