

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
Current Book: Romans – Message 5

2017 VISION: *Prioritizing God*

## Scriptures for Today: Romans 1:20-21 – God has clearly revealed Himself through Creation

Title of Today's Message: **Irrefutable Evidence – *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.***

### INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw that in the gospel, the **righteousness** of God is **REVEALED** from faith to faith – that is, God demonstrates His incredible goodness and love through His plan to save souls through a requirement of faith **ALONE**. That good news becomes glorious news when we comprehend the **wrath** of God which is **ALSO** revealed and directed towards **all ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men. The Bible says the reason for that is that God has given **LIGHT** to every man– an internal evidence that God exists and the Bible is true – and yet people are not obeying the light given to them. Today, we will learn a truth so powerful that when a person stands before Almighty God on Judgment Day, there is no excuse able to refute it – it is absolutely inexcusable. Although we cannot see God, the Bible says the invisible **THINGS** of Him from the creation of the world are **CLEARLY** seen. The Bible says everyone understands God's eternal power and Godhead through the things that He **MADE**. This means there is no person who can say they did not know there was a Creator in God's courtroom. According to the Judge of all the earth, people **KNOW** there is a God and **CHOOSE** not to worship Him and be thankful. The Bible says, "*The fool hath said in heart, There is no God.*" (Ps 14:1; 53:1)

### PREACHING NOTES

#### 1. Creation **SPEAKS** so clearly there will be **no possible excuse** on Judgment Day. *Rom 1:20*

- ✓ Creation **speaks** – every day and every night – to all nations, tribes and tongues ...

Psalm 19:1-6      "*The heavens DECLARE the glory of God; and the firmament SHEWETH his handywork. Day unto day UTTERETH SPEECH, and night unto night SHEWETH knowledge. THERE IS NO SPEECH NOR LANGUAGE, where THEIR VOICE is not heard. THEIR LINE is gone out through ALL the earth, and THEIR WORDS ...*"

Malachi 4:2      "*But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*"

Matthew 24:27    "*For as the lightning cometh out of the EAST, and shineth even unto the WEST; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*"

NOTE      Every day the sun "rises" in the East. In reality, the only sun comes "out of the East" and moves in direct opposition to the course (way) of the world every day. Intense exposure to the sun with no relief brings destruction over time. Take time to observe creation daily ...

- ✓ We **understand** clearly that there is a **Creator** when we observe creation ...

Genesis 1:1      "*In the beginning God CREATED the heaven and the earth.*"

Job 38:4      "*Where wast THOU when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if THOU hast understanding.*"

Examples:      Building – builder; Painting – painter; Clock – clock maker

NOTE      When you see a building, you understand there was a builder. When you see a painting, you understand there was a painter. When you see a clock, you know there was a clock maker. According to the Bible, when you look to the heavens ... when you observe the incredible detail and complexity of creation, you understand clearly that there is a God!

- ✓ Even God's **eternal power** is **understood** when we observe creation ...

Deuteronomy 4:24 "For the LORD thy God is **a consuming FIRE**, even a jealous God."

Psalm 83:15 "So persecute them with **thy TEMPEST**, and make them afraid with **thy STORM**."

Isaiah 28:2; 29:6 "**Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts** with THUNDER, and with EARTHQUAKE, and great NOISE, with STORM and TEMPEST, and the FLAME of devouring FIRE."

Isaiah 66:15 "For, behold, **the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots LIKE A WHIRLWIND**, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire."

NOTE The power with which CREATION rocks the planet every day is significant. Hurricanes, typhoons, cyclones, tornadoes, thunderstorms, etc. On October 12, 1979, Super Typhoon Tip's central pressure dropped to 870 mb, the lowest sea-level pressure ever observed on earth. Peak wind gusts reached 190 mph. Its diameter was 1,380 miles (NY to Dallas).

- ✓ Even the **Godhead** is **understood** when we observe creation ...

1 John 5:7 "For there are **THREE** that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and **these three are one**."

Examples: The 3's in creation – water, matter, fire, time, animal kingdoms, mankind, atom

NOTE The Godhead is the holy Bible's word for what we call the Trinity – the triune God of the Bible. Creation is full of 3's!! Take some time to think and study this truth, and you will be amazed. God has put the pattern of Himself in everything He has made. Check it out!

- ✓ The **evidence** that has been presented in God's creation is **irrefutable** – no exceptions apply!

Romans 2:1 "Therefore **THOU** are **inexcusable**, O man..."

NOTE Can you imagine being accused of crimes and being in a courtroom with no evidence on your side to support you and overwhelming evidence against you?! That is how God describes the situation for ALL people! It is not going to be a good day for the lost ...

## 2. There is NO excuse **because** people **KNOW** God and **CHOOSE** not to worship Him. Rom 1:21

- ✓ *When you reject God's light and creation, you **become vain** in your imaginations.*

Exodus 20:7 "Thou shalt not **take the name of the LORD thy God** in VAIN; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

Psalm 2:1 "Why do the heathen rage, and the people **IMAGINE a vain thing**?"

2 Corinthians 10:5 "Casting down IMAGINATIONS, and **every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God**, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

NOTE The Bible makes it clear that when we entertain thoughts that go contrary to the knowledge that God has given and the truth of the holy Bible, we become vain in our imaginations. As believers, the spiritual battle rages in our minds. We must cast down any imagination or thought that is not obedient to Christ! We have the mind of Christ and must be thankful...

- ✓ *When you reject God's light and creation, your **foolish heart** will become darkened.*

Psalm 14:1; 53:1 "**The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God**. They ARE corrupt, they have DONE abominable works, **there is none that doeth good**."

NOTE As we will learn next week, when you reject God's light, you are headed for big problems. The conclusion from Romans 1 will be that all Gentiles are guilty before Almighty God.