

Leverage Your Life Part 4

Fully Aware

Romans 1:19-20

Memory Verses: Romans 1:19-20

MANUSCRIPT

Introduction (Me, We, & the Struggle)

It is abundantly clear that God has called us to leverage our lives for the Gospel. He has set us apart for the Gospel, he has given us an obligation in our hearts for the Gospel, and he has emboldened us through his spirit to share the Gospel. We are not ashamed, we are not afraid, we will never back down, we will never give up. This is the leveraged life! We will leverage who we are and what we've been given for the sake of the Gospel wherever we are and wherever God takes us. We are his crow bars and we've been called to gently pull as many nails as possible from the bondage of sin and death.

But before we move onto our next series in the book of Romans, we must first see one more thing. Look with me at **Romans 1:19-20**. What can be known about God is plain to everyone. God has shown it to us through his eternal power and divine nature. No one can look at creation and deny a creator. In short, we are all fully aware that there is a God. **Psalm 19:1** says this.

This is what we have heard this morning in the way of testimonies. These are the testimonies of what God has done experientially in our lives. He has made himself known to us in a tangible way. He has manifest his presence in our world in ways that cannot be denied.

And so the real question that everyone must face is simple. It's not, do you believe in God. I believe at the core, when faced with the cold hard facts, everyone, deep down, knows there is a God. That's not the question. The question is... will you submit to his authority. Will you worship him as your lord? Will you live to see his kingdom built on earth as it is in heaven? Or will you reject him and live in rebellion?

God has revealed himself... we must respond. Today I want to quickly give you three ways you can respond to the revelation of God.

Teaching (Expand on the Problem, God)

First, **We Can Receive God's Revelation With Humility.** Think of every alien invasion movie you've ever seen. The aliens reveal themselves. Humanity fights them. The aliens take over. Sometimes we win sometimes we lose. But sometimes... the aliens aren't bad and we kill them anyway. Why? Cause we can't take the chance that they are evil. If they could fly all the way across the universe to visit us, it stands to reason that they probably have the tech to wipe us out.

I think this is how many of us face God when we recognize his existence. We are very cynical of his benevolence. We don't like the fact that he has so much power. But there is a vast difference between the revelation of God and the revelation of fictionalized movie aliens. Aliens are revealed as visitors. God is revealed as creator. Visitors usually need something. A place to stay, some food, some bedding. They take all your blankets and drink all your milk. God doesn't need anything. He is the source. He isn't looking for your help... he is merely showing you who he is. And who he is is good! He is here to help us.

Think about it. Being created is a good thing. He gave us life. He gave us the earth to live our lives in. All that we have is a gift of our benevolent creator. God is good. So our response to him... shouldn't be cynicism, or outright attack first ask questions later. No it should be humility! He is big, we are small. He is mighty, we are weak. He is good, we need his goodness. Who can stand against this God? No one... including me... so I will submit to his rule and be thankful for it! So get this....Being fully aware of God leads to life. When God reveals himself to us... it is a good thing! It shows us who we are to live for. It gives us purpose and reason. **Light revealed leads to life received.** Just like when sunlight is revealed to a plant... when God is revealed to us in our hearts... we begin to come alive. Our response should be one of humility, gratitude, worship, and submission. **God has revealed himself... we must respond.**

Secondly, **We Can Ignore God's Revelation With Indifference.** So some recognize God and allow it to lead them to life. And some recognize God, but simply ignore him as a non-factor. By the way, it takes some effort to ignore God. You see his work everywhere you turn. Every trial turns you to him. Every atheist even looks to God in prayer as a last resort. Most stories of heroes or epics are derived from him. He is very hard to ignore.

But some try. They may say, "yeah, there clearly is a creator, but I doubt he is personal and wants anything to do with me, so I'll just go on doing my thing." It's not that they outright deny God... they just simply live as if he doesn't matter. **Luke 12:13-21** tells a parable of a man like this. He had not care about what God may want him to do with his wealth or land. He never once thought about leveraging all that he had for the Gospel and the kingdom of God. He simply only thought about himself and how he could have more stuff. He lived without any care for God and it cost him his soul. **When we choose to ignore God, ignorance is not bliss.** **God has revealed himself... we must respond.**

Lastly, **We Can Suppress God's Revelation With Rebellion.** Others, they know God is real, but they can't live under his authority. They actively resist the truth because it confronts their desires and calls them to reject their feelings. They willingly harden their hearts to God and declare

open warfare on him with their lives. And some even do this while claiming to be Christians... because they prayed a prayer or got baptized. The bottom line is simple... if you live against God you are not for God.

Application

So, has God revealed himself to you by his eternal power and divine nature through creation? Has he made it abundantly clear to you that he is real and he is good? If not... is it because you choose to suppress the truth of his existence simply, because you don't want there to be a God? Atheism is no longer a viable option.

Conclusion

If so, if you are fully aware of God's existence, then what is your response? Will you rebel and declare open warfare against the creator of the universe. Will you live in blatant sin and disobey his design for your life? Or will you simply act as if his existence doesn't mean anything. You can go on living how you want because God isn't interested. I assure you he is... and you are wrong. Or will you surrender in humility to his lordship? Will you make him the Lord of your life, worship him, live for him, and will you leverage your life for his Gospel? **God has revealed himself... we must respond.**