

February 6th – General Revelation

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.”
(Psalm 19:1)*

Seminarians are often charged with the task of studying theology. A popular course among those preparing for ministry is “Systematic Theology.” Basically, systematic theology takes the great doctrines of the faith and organizes them into categories of study and analysis. Key to any study of theology is the doctrine of “general revelation.” General revelation asserts that God has revealed His existence to every person in the world, through more general or indirect means.

Today’s verse provides us with just one-way God reveals His existence to every member of the human race. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.” How can someone look at the blue sky and the white clouds and conclude that there is no God? How can someone look over the expansive horizon and determine that it all just popped up out of nothing? Twice the Psalms tell us, “The fool has said in his heart there is no God” (14:1, 53:1).

Through His creation, God has revealed His existence to the human race so that no man can stand before Jesus on the day of judgment and make excuses (Rom. 1:20). And being the benevolent God He is, Jehovah has also provided a general revelation of Himself in the conscience of every person (Rom. 2:14-15). In essence, God has made it impossible to deny that He exists. Down deep, everyone knows that there really is a God. Sadly, many choose to suppress that truth in unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18).