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“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”

I want you to turn with me just for the moment to the **Book of Exodus chapter 5**. In **Exodus the 5th chapter** I am going to read **verses 1 and 2**.

Here is my subject this morning while you are turning to the **Book of Exodus chapter 5 verses 1 and 2**. I will be speaking on this subject: **“HOW CAN A MAN FIND GOD?”**

It says in **Exodus 5**, *“And Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, thus saith the Lord God of Israel, let my people go that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.”*

Pharaoh said, *“Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go; I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.”* *“Who is the Lord?”*

Now perhaps Pharaoh was speaking in total honesty; he was a great man as Pharaohs and worldly leaders go. He had a lot of power. He was the king over, perhaps, the richest nation in the world.

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When Moses came to him and said, *“Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, let my people go.”* Pharaoh said, *“Who is the Lord that Pharaoh should obey His voice? I know not the Lord, who is this Lord?”*

That is what I want to consider today. This is the question that I want to deal with, who is the Lord God, who is the Lord God and how does a man find God?

Now, you may think it strange but I am going to ask you to turn to **Psalms 19**. Many preachers when they want to talk about who God is and how does a man find God, they may go to the book of John or some other New Testament book or perhaps one of the other Gospels.

I am asking you to go to **Psalm 19**. This Psalm was written by David. David knew the Lord; in fact twice, the Lord called David *“a man after my own heart.”* David, a man after God’s own heart, knew God. I am certain that he knew God. He wrote the Hymn Book of the church. He wrote the whole Book of Psalms with the exception of just a few.

Here, in **the Book of Psalms**, you have the two-fold answer to that question, who is the Lord God and how does a man find God?

Here in **Psalm 19** you have a two-fold answer to that question. There are two books in which you can find a revelation of the living God and they are given here in **Psalm 19**. Would you turn to **Psalm 19**, there are two books:

First of all: There is the book of creation and there is the book of nature.

David wrote in **Psalm 19:1**, *“The heavens declare the glory of God.”* That is how a man can know God. He can know God by observing the heavens, by observing the things that are made, by observing nature and by observing creation.

That is exactly what it says. We can find God in the book of creation. God reveals Himself in the book of creation.

Secondly: In **Psalm 19:7**, David said; *“the Word of the Lord is perfect converting the soul.”*

There, you have a two-fold answer to that question, how does a man find God; how does an honest, sincere person, (and perhaps Pharaoh was sincere, perhaps he was totally honest), say; *“who is the Lord? I know not the Lord.”*

How does a man find God? How does a man find the true and living God? I am not just talking about finding a god, there are gods everywhere. There are many gods and many lords. I am talking about the living God. Our Lord Jesus Christ said in **John 17**, *“eternal life is to know the true and living God.”*

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Then, David said; *“As the thirsty deer panteth for the water brooks, so panteth my soul for thee, the living God.”* How does a man find the living God?

First of all: Let’s look at the book of creation.

Read **Psalm 19 verse 1**: *“The heavens, (the universe, the heaven of heavens) declare,”* they declare, they speak, and the heavens speak. Did you ever hear the heavens speak? Well, the heavens do speak and the heavens have a message and they declare something. What do the heavens declare?

They declare the glory of God. The heavens literally declare the glory of God. The heavens declare the glory of His power, the glory of His wisdom, the glory of His majesty and the glory of His greatness. *“The firmament showeth His handiwork.”*

What’s the firmament? Well, the firmaments are the sky, the sun, the moon, the stars, the rain, the snow and the seasons. All the marvels of creation declare the glory of God; they reveal the glory of God.

These things didn’t just happen. These things, these precisions, and precisions made, and precisions directed are the stars, the moon, the planets and the whole universe, out yonder the light years, and many galaxies.

These things did not just happen; they were created by an all-wise, omnipotent God, of heaven and earth. *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* These heavens and heaven of heavens declare or sing forth the praises of Him who made them and declare the glory of Him who made them. So, we are without excuse. We have a message from the heavens.

How can a man know God? The heavens declare God and His glory. Paul said in **Romans 1:19 and 20**; *“That which may be known of God is manifest to all men for God hath showed it to us, for the invisible things from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even God’s eternal power and Godhead, so that we are without excuse. The heavens declare the glory of God.”*

We are accountable and responsible for what the heavens declare. That is what He is saying right here. In **Acts 14:17**; listen to this verse, listen carefully; *“the Lord hath not left himself without a witness, in that he did good and gave us rain from heaven, and he gave us fruitful seasons and he filled our hearts with food and gladness”* and we are responsible.

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God and all things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made.” The heavens declare the glory, the power, the majesty, the omnipotence and the wisdom; they declare the wisdom of God.

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Look at **verse 2 in Psalm 19**: *“Day unto day, utterance speaks.”* In other words, throughout the day as the sun shines and the rain falls and as the flowers grow and as the trees grow, and the fruits and the vegetables come forth; day after day God speaks.

“In the night season he showeth knowledge.” Nighttime as the world rests, the moon shines, and it reflects the glory of the sun, and the stars give forth their light, God speaks of Himself even in the nighttime.

Listen to this: *“There is no speech or language.”* How many speeches or languages do you suppose there are on this earth, two or three thousand? I am talking about different languages, you know, French, Spanish, German, Russian, English and all.

Wait a minute! I am talking about all the languages and speeches of the tribes in India, the tribes in Africa, and the tribes in the different countries of the world. I’m talking about all these different tribes in Alaska, the Eskimos, and the Indians in America.

What about all of these languages and all of these different tongues, the dialect that is spoken all over the world, thousands of them, probably? It says, *“There is no speech nor language where their voice (of creation) is not heard.”*

Do you see that right there in **Psalm 19: verse 3**? *“There is no speech. The heavens declare the glory of God. The firmament showeth his handiwork, day unto day, and night unto night it showeth knowledge.”*

There is no speech, there is no tribe, and there is no nation, no kindred, and no tongue under heaven, where creation does not declare the glory of God. The voice of creation is gone throughout all the earth to every human being on the earth. So, they are without excuse.

How does a man find God? God is everywhere in the things God has made; glorify God:

**“I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.**

**I’ve seen the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey.**

**I have seen the goodness of the Lord
I have seen the goodness of God that filled the earth with food
He formed the creature by His Word
And then pronounced them good.**

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**Lord, Thou wonders are displayed
Wherever I turn my eye
If I survey the ground upon which I walk
Or gaze up into the sky.**

**There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glory known
And clouds arise and tempest blow
By orders from your sovereign throne."**

Look at **verse 4-6**: *"In the heavens God hath made a tabernacle for the sun."* The sun is the center of the universe; He said, *"As a bridegroom goeth forth, as a strong man goeth forth, nothing is hid from the heat thereof, and from the light of the sun."* The sun is the center of the universe; it reflects the power and the wisdom of almighty God.

Let me tell you something as men behold these things that are made, these things that declare the glory of God, as men behold the heavens and the earth and all that God has created in His bountiful mercy and in His infinite wisdom, my friend, listen to me; I wouldn't offend you, but only a fool, only a fool, could possibly say, "there is no God," only a fool.

Why, the book of creation reveals to any honest heart, the reality of God. These things could not just happen; they didn't just come into being. *"In Him we live and move and have our being and by Him all things consist and are held together."* The heavens and the firmament and the earth and the creation show His power and His wisdom and His majesty and His greatness.

So, how can a man find God?

First of all: He can find Him in the work of creation.

Look around you and you will be amazed at the wonders of God's creation. David even talked about his own body and said, *"How wonderfully I am made; (I am put together)."*

But, there are questions about God which cannot be answered by creation. There are questions about God that the heavens and the firmament and the earth cannot deal with, cannot answer. For example, try these:

"What is man that thou art mindful of him?" You won't find the answer to that in creation or by gazing at the stars, the moon, the sun, or the trees, or the flowers.

Try this question: *"How can man that is born of a woman be clean in the eyes of God? How can man be just with God? Behold the moon; it shineth not; the stars are not pure in God's sight. How much less man that is a worm, man that drinketh iniquity like the water."* You won't find that answer, the answer to that question in creation.

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Try this question: “*O Lord if Thou shouldest mark iniquity, who would stand?*” You can’t find the answer to that question. “*Who shall stand in His presence? If a man die, (the **Book of Job** says); shall he live again?*” How about that question?

God is life and we are dead, dying, men. God is light and we walk in darkness. God is Holy; “*Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God,*” and we are sinful. “*Will Thou O Lord look upon such a one?*” Stars tell me, the trees, the flowers that bloom, the heavens, the firmament; no answer comes forth.

What must I do to be saved? What must I do to be justified? What must I do to be accepted of God? The heavens are silent. “*O the heavens declare the glory of God,*” but not His redemptive glory, the glory of His wisdom, the glory of His power, and the glory of His majesty, but not His redemptive glory.

The heavens say nothing about redemption, nothing about life, death, judgment, heaven or hell, or atonement, substitution, or satisfaction. You can stand all your lifetime and gaze upon nature and gaze upon the book of creation, and you will never find the answer to these questions.

How can man find God’s grace? How can a man find God’s mercy? How can a man find redemption?

Well, you have to go some place else other than creation. I will tell you where you have to go and there is only one place and that is to the Word of God.

This is what David says in **Psalm 19** after he is talking about the revelations of the book of creation. “*The heavens declare the glory of God. The firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day showeth knowledge.*”

“*Night unto night uttereth speech.*” There is not a speech or a language or a tribe where their voice is not heard. “*The sun goeth forth as in a tabernacle, as a strong man, as a bridegroom running a race. Nothing is hid from the heat thereof.*”

But then David comes back with this; “*The Word of the Lord is perfect; it converts the soul.*” Heavens and creation can convert the mind into thinking upon God, into considering God and facing the reality of God but the Word of God converts the soul.

If I want to know how a man can know God in redemption, if I want to know how a man can approach the living God, if I want to know how a man can be forgiven of sin and have fellowship with this God who is real, then I have to go to the Word of God. That is the only source.

I am not talking about going to men and finding out what God says. I am not talking about going to men and finding out their opinion of what God says; I am talking about personally, individually, going to the Word of God.

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In **John 5:24** it says; *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, (the Master speaks) he that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life.”*

In **John 20, verse 31**, the apostle John wrote; *“These are written, that you might believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through His name.”*

My friend, I read in the Word of God how *“God created man in his own image;”* that is what the Bible says. *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* He made man, *“male and female, created he them, in his own image, created he them.”* He created them holy and upright but *“man sought out many inventions.”*

I read in the Word of God how that man fell, how that Adam sinned and disobeyed God, how that death, darkness, and judgment, *“passed upon all men because all sinned; in Adam we die.”* In Adam, death, judgment, and condemnation, passed upon us.

I read in God’s Word how that the Lord God purposed to have a people, how that the Lord God made an everlasting covenant in which He gave to His Son a people. He said, *“Heaven will be populated, heaven will be populated by a holy people and all of those holy people, those peculiar people, that royal priesthood, that holy nation, shall be redeemed by the blood of my Son and they shall all be predestined to be just like Christ, conformed to His blessed image.”*

I read in the Word of God how that God made a covenant. He said, *“I will make a covenant with them after those days. I will put my law in their minds and in their hearts. I will take away their transgressions and I will forgive their iniquities. I will remember their sins no more.”*

I read in the Word of God how that the prophecies, the promises and the pictures in the Old Testament show forth the coming Christ, the coming messiah, the coming substitute, the coming great, high, priest, the coming sin-offering, our redeemer.

I read in the **book of Matthew 1:21** how that He came into this world through the virgin’s womb. The angel said, *“Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins.”* Because it is written in the prophets, *“behold the Lord Himself shall give you a sign, a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a Son and thou shalt call His name Immanuel (God with us).”*

I read that in the Word of God. I read how He lived on this earth, born of a woman, grew up in a carpenter’s shop, walked the shores of Galilee and the streets of Jerusalem, Jericho, Capernaum, Bethesda, and lived the perfect life.

He obeyed every law, every Levitical law, every moral law, every judicial law, every civil law, and every law of the home. He never offended God. *“This is my beloved Son, the Father said, in whom I am well pleased.”*

“The Son thought it not robbery to be equal with the Father.” He said, *“He that hath seen me hath seen God; I and my Father are one.”*

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The God-man walked upon this earth and in Him I have a perfect righteousness because *“He was tempted and tried as we are, yet without sin.”* He worked out in His life a perfect obedience and gave unto God a perfect righteousness on behalf of His people.

“By man came death; by man came the resurrection of the dead. In Adam we died; in Christ we are made alive. As we have borne the image of the earthy we shall bear the image of the heavenly.”

I read how He went to the cross and *“there He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was laid upon Him and by His stripes we are healed.”*

I read how that this one man with a perfect sacrifice and atonement, and a perfect offering, also *“perfected forever, them that are sanctified.”*

And now because we have a great, high, priest, *“we can come boldly before the throne of grace and find mercy and grace to help in time of need.”*

I read how He died on that cross and finished the work of redemption. He made perfect all that God required, how that He was buried as our scapegoat and arose as our justifier.

When He came forth from the tomb the heavenly Father spake as if from heaven, saying; *“I accept all that He did on behalf of all whom He represented, on behalf of all My people, on behalf of all who believe, and that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended from heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.”* The Scripture says, *expecting until all of His enemies become His footstool.”*

“There is the one mediator, (the one Advocate, the one Intercessor), between God and men, and that’s the man Christ Jesus.”

I read in the Word of God how that He is coming again. Paul said, *“Who can lay anything to the charge of God’s elect; it is God that justifies. Who is he that condemneth; it is Christ that died, yea rather, is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God who also maketh intercession for us.”*

Yes, He said, *“I go to prepare a place for you”* and whatever it took to prepare heaven, I do not know. I do not know what preparation had to be made in heaven. I just know that it has been made.

Christ said, *“I go and prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there you may be also.”*

How does a man find God? If he wants to he can. If he has an honest, sincere, desire to know the living God, all he has to do is walk out and look and he will see the glory of God. *“The heavens declare the glory of God. The firmament showeth forth His handiwork.”*

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God is seen in the things that are made. There is no speech or language anywhere on this earth where their voice is not heard.

If a man wants to know how a man is saved and if God can be just and justify and if a man can be accepted in the sight of God and his sin could be put away, you have to go to the Word of God because *“the Word of the Lord is perfect converting the soul.”*

The revealed Word of God; (watch it now); the revealed Word of God is given by the purpose of revealing the incarnate Word of God. They are inseparable.

You know, the Lord Jesus Christ in **John 1**, (have you noticed this); He is called *“the Word of God.”* Now stay with me; what does the Word mean?

His words mean communication. They are vehicles of thought. Words are means of communicating, to let somebody know what you are thinking. That is what I am doing right now.

Here I am standing before you. I have something on my heart and I have something on my mind. I am the only one that knows what I have on my heart and mind. I hope God knows and I hope He revealed it to me.

I want you to know so how am I going to reveal to you what I am thinking, what I believing and what I desiring you to know. Do you know how I am going to let you know, words, words, vehicles of thought; means of communication. Jesus Christ is called *“the Word of God.”*

The disciples said one day, *“Show us the Father and we will be satisfied.”* He said, *“Have I been so long time with you and you don't know me? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; I and my Father are one.”*

And that is what I am saying: Jesus Christ is the living, the incarnate Word, (communication) of God Almighty. All that you need to know about God is found in His Word, the written Word, and in His Word, the incarnate Word. Jesus Christ is the Word of God. He is God's communication.

In **1 John 5**, listen; *“This is the record that God hath given us eternal life.”* Eternal life is not in the stars, the moon, and the sun. They declare the power of God and the wisdom of God. Eternal life is in His Son. *“He that hath the Son of God hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”*

Now listen to **1 John 5:20**; *“And we know that the Son of God has come into this world and hath given us an understanding that we may know God, that we may know God.”*

How can a man know God? *“The Son of God has come into this world and given us an understanding that we may know God that is true and that we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ, and this is the true God and this is eternal life.”*

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How can a man find God? In Jesus Christ, He is God. *“The Father said of the Son; Thy throne O God is forever. No man hath seen the Father at anytime save the Son and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.”*

So, I ask an honest question: Moses and Aaron came unto Pharaoh and said, *“God said, let my people go.”* And he said, *“Who is God, who is the Lord that I should obey Him? I know not the Lord.”*

There may be people sitting right out there saying, *“Who is the living God, who is the eternal God, who is the God of creation? I know not the Lord; who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?”*

Would you know the Lord? Would you find God? Then, I ask you to turn to **Psalm 19** and read it again and it says plainly that there are two books of revelation. There is the book of creation and there is the book of revelation, the Word of God.

“The heavens declare the glory of God. The firmaments showeth His handwork. There is no speech or language where their voice isn’t heard.”

But, the Word of God is perfect, infallible, without error, verbally inspired and it converts the soul.

“He hath begotten us again unto a living hope through the Word of God!”