

The better you know God's world the better you will know God's Word!

Intro: Perhaps you have wondered what relationship there is between getting a good education and knowing God better. Can learning Math, and Science, and Biology, and all of that stuff you are learning, help you know God better? These are all "things in the world". Are they of any use to the Christian? **Yes they are!** The Bible says, "**The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**" (Ps 19:1) And "**Whether you eat or drink, or do anything else, do all to the glory of God**" (1 Cor 10:31) **And** so you can *learn* about God's world to the glory of God. But let's be specific. How can learning all about the creation and the things in it glorify God? I want to focus on one particular way that that can happen, and that is this:

The better you know God's WORLD, the better you will know God's WORD, and therefore the better you will know God because God uses his WORLD in his WORD to reveal himself.

1. The Earth is full of the glory of God

- **Ps 19:1-3** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
- **Isaiah 6:3** And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!"
- **Psalm 104:24** O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions
- God's world truly reveals God **Rom 1:20**

2. God *desires* for you see and know his glory through the world

- **Ps 111:2** Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- **Is 40:26** – look and see – not merely it, but who
- **Ps 107:23-32** To the sea in ships

3. God uses *analogies* of things in his world to talk *about himself* – you must know them well to understand his revelation.

- Lamb of God – **Jn 1:29** Not camel, or hippo, or alligator of God
- LORD is my Shepherd – **Ps 23** – what is a shepherd is a butcher
- Hen – **Mt 23:37** –how? peck at their heads, attack?
- God is Light - **1 John 1:5** –life-giving, warm, cheering, growth, knowledge (sight), SAD

4. Go and know the world yourself and teach your children about the world

- This *must* be part of your curriculum
 - By book learning – it is great to study things through formalized education
 - By first-hand experience – if you are only ever in a class room you will not get it!
- The force and weight and glory that the world contains needs to be stored in you deeply
 - Consuming Fire- **Heb 12:29** – light a big fire, go to bon fires
 - Shield and Sun – **Ps 84:11**- play with sticks, shields – see warfare and the protection of a shield
- When you see a reference to the world in the Word – note it, see to it that you understand it, have experienced it, and that you follow what is being revealed through it.

Conclusion: The better you know God's world the better you will know God's Word! Learn about his world, go see it, touch it, taste it, smell it, read about it. Teach it to your children. Know God's world to his glory and you will be better able to know his *word* to his glory.