

Hear the Word

The first thing needed by one who will achieve eternal salvation is the Word of God. We often mention “Hear the word” at the beginning of our recitation of the ‘steps’ of salvation and we are not wrong to do so. The problem sometimes comes in application of this teaching.

If one is to seek the righteousness of God it is necessary that they know God first. While crying out against wickedness is certainly needed from time to time, it is important for us to remember the need to simply present the Word. Without a knowledge of what God has revealed through His word no one can ever come to know God. Scripture tells us that the creation is evidence that there is a God, but to learn who He is and what He wants of us requires that we have a means of hearing His Words.

Creation Declares A God

Many in the world are trying to destroy God’s connection to creation by using man’s ideas to instruct that what we see and know about our world is just a result of random events. Yet even our own meager efforts at invention and in the arts demonstrate clearly that any design requires a designer and the more intelligent or intricate the design, the more intelligent the designer. Even a simple thing like a child’s drawing shows evidence of some sort of thought process.

When we look at the complexity of the world around us it is only proper to understand that there was some sort of greater power behind its coming into being. A bunch of rocks in a bag do not suddenly become a diamond necklace. Someone must shape and polish them and arrange them into the necklace. Any one of the many systems in our own body is much more complex than a diamond necklace. Just the fact that my mind decides which word to include in this article and my fingers quickly press the correct key while I look at the screen is evidence of a complexity of organization and coordination in my body beyond my understanding. Creation calls out “There is a God!”

But though we have sufficient evidence of a God in the world around us, we need more if we are to know who is God and much more if we are ever to understand what He might want with me.

The Word Reveals God

No one can know the mind of a man unless that man reveals his mind to them. Have you ever tried to know what someone wants without first asking them? Husbands, how many times have you gathered the perfect something for your wife yet when you present it to her it is obvious you got the wrong thing? Wives, how often have you tried to help your husband with something only to hand him the wrong tool for the job? These simple examples speak volumes about our inability to know the mind of another.

Now we understand why it is impossible to know the mind of the Creator unless we find what He has revealed. Samuel did not know the Lord until He was revealed to him. (**1Samuel 3:7**) Peter tells us the prophets spoke as they were directed by the Spirit of God. (**2Peter 1:20-21**) We can only come to know God when we read what He has revealed.

This is why it is so important that we encourage our children, friends and neighbors to read the Word of God. No one should just accept the word of any man. They need to read what God has given us. So many today want someone to tell them what God said, but that makes it too easy to be led astray. We need to read the Scriptures. We need to encourage others to read the Scriptures. Do you quote God when trying to help solve a problem? Do you read from God's Word to your family? Everyone needs to **Hear The Word!**