

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD

Introduction

- 1) **Psalm 19:1** – “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork”
- 2) **Psalm 97:6** – “The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory”
- 3) The solar eclipse this past Monday (April 8th) was another great example of observing the glory of God in His creation
- 4) Consider some lessons we should remember as we stand in awe of His great handiwork

I) THE WISDOM OF GOD

- A) God created the world by His wisdom (Prov. 3:19-20; 8:22-31)
- B) We need to respect the wisdom of God’s natural laws and abide by them
 - 1) Violation of the law of God always ends in disaster; should never take unnecessary risks that would violate the will of God
- C) The mathematical precision of when and where a solar eclipse will happen is simply amazing – a perfectly working clock
 - 1) Our solar system and universe are not a result of mindless random coincidence – such could not create perfectly engineered order
 - 2) A result of a divine Designer, the one God revealed in the Bible (Gen. 1:1; Psa. 33:6-9)

II) THE GLORY AND POWER OF GOD

- A) It is amazing to study and watch the precise movements of the planets and their moons
 - 1) We stand in awe as we view our sun in all its glory, a yellow dwarf star in a galaxy and universe of immense size with an innumerable sum of stars of various types
- B) God set the lights in the heavens for us during the day and night (Gen. 1:16)
- C) God’s eternal power and glory is seen in the things that He has made (Rom. 1:20)
 - 1) God has on occasion miraculously intervened and controlled nature (Ex. 10:21-23; Josh. 10:12-14; Mk. 4:35-41; Jn. 2:7-9; Matt. 27:45 [Lk. 23:45 Gk. *ekleipo* - fail, eclipse])

III) THE REALITY OF GOD

- A) Man is without excuse when he does not clearly see (acknowledge, understand) the invisible God by the things that He has made (Rom. 1:20)
- B) There will be no excuse in the judgment day – to declare there is no God is the height of foolishness and leads to evil (Psa. 14:1; 53:1)
- C) The natural world declares “Yes” to God and “No” to godless, atheistic evolutionary theory
- *D) While the natural world declares that God “is,” it cannot reveal the mind of God to us

IV) THE WORD OF GOD IS REVEALED TODAY IN JESUS CHRIST

- A) God speaks to us today by His Son, Jesus (Heb. 1:1-2)
- B) Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to reveal all truth to the apostles (Jn. 16:7-15)
- C) The apostles and prophets revealed all truth (1 Cor. 2:12-13; Eph. 3:3-5)
- D) Jesus is the One through whom we truly understand the totality of the reality, glory, power, and wisdom of God today (Jn. 1:18)

Conclusion

God is the true light of the world today in Jesus and the church (Isa. 60:19-20; Jn. 8:12; 2 Cor. 4:6) In the eternal home of the redeemed, there will be no more need for the sun to shine for our light and life – God will be our continuous Light (1 Tim. 6:16; Rev. 21:23; 22:5). Will you be there?