

LOGOS

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THE GENERAL REVELATION OF GOD

- There are two primary ways that we understand God's revelation of Himself to us:
 - **Special** revelation – This is the means by which God has made Himself known to mankind through the specific messages compiled in the entirety of the **Bible**.
 - **General** revelation – The means by which God has made Himself known to mankind in and through the **world** around us.

General Revelation

Given to **all**
Intended for **all**
Sufficient for **condemnation**
Declares God's **greatness**

Special Revelation

Given to **few**
Intended for **all**
Sufficient for **salvation**
Declares God's **grace**

HOW HAS HE MADE HIMSELF KNOWN?

- Through **creation** – the fact that things are point to a Maker.
 - Psalm 19:1-6
 - Romans 1:20
- Through **order** – the fact that there is order points to a Designer.
 - Job 38:1-24
 - God didn't create a world of **chaos**; He created a world of **order**.

- Through **man** – the fact that man is different from the animal kingdom points to a purpose.

- Acts 17:28-29

- The **morality** of man

- ✓ Right vs. wrong points to a moral **Lawgiver**
- ✓ Conscience points to the **violation** of these laws
- ✓ Religious instinct points to a desire to be made **right**

- The **intelligence** of man

WHAT HAS BEEN REVEALED ABOUT HIM?

- His **glory** – Psalm 19:1
- His **power** – Psalm 19:1
- His **supremacy** – Romans 1:20
- His **divine nature** – Romans 1:20
- His **control** of nature – Romans 1:20
- His **goodness** – Matthew 5:45
- His **intelligence** – Acts 17:29
- His living **existence** – Acts 17:28

WHY SHOULD WE PAY ATTENTION?

- The more we recognize how He has **revealed** Himself, the more we will **know** about Him.
- The more we see His glory and perfect **design**, the more we will trust His **sovereignty** in our everyday lives (He knows what He's doing).
- The more we whet our **appetite** with His general revelation, the more we will want to know more about Him through His **Word**.