



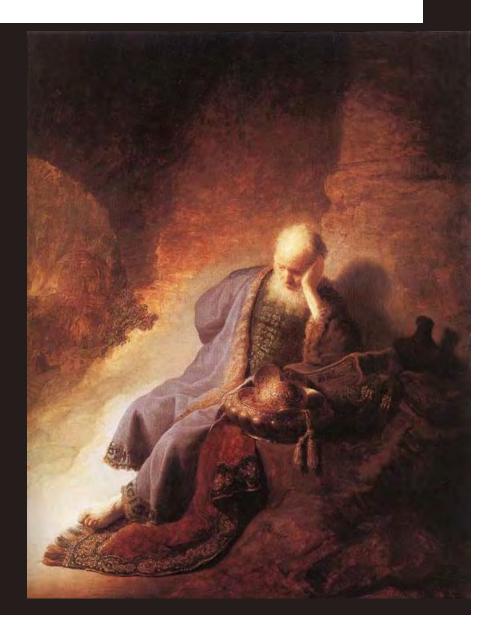


Background

Jeremiah 29:4-14

(609 - 586 BC)

From that setting to Seek God





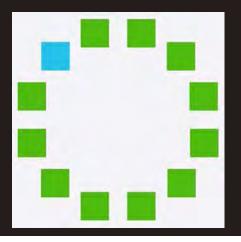
God hides in plain sight

Like Colors

Himba people of Northern Namibia









God has shown Himself through

1. Creation — Psalm 19:1-6



Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament shows His handiwork.

² Day unto day utters speech,

And night unto night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech nor language

Where their voice is not heard.

⁴Their line has gone out through all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world.



Psalm 19:1-6

• In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

⁵ Which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

⁶ Its rising is from one end of heaven,

And its circuit to the other end;

And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

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God has shown Himself through

1. Creation — Psalm 19:1-6

2. The Written Word – Psalm 19:7-11



Psalm 19:7-11

The teachings of the LORD are perfect.

They renew the soul.

The testimony of the LORD is dependable.

It makes gullible people wise.

⁸The instructions of the LORD are correct.

They make the heart rejoice.

The command of the LORD is radiant.

It makes the eyes shine.



Psalm 19:7-11

⁹The fear of the LORD is pure.

It endures forever.

The decisions of the LORD are true.

They are completely fair.

¹⁰They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold.

They are sweeter than honey, even the drippings from a honeycomb.

¹¹ As your servant I am warned by them.

There is a great reward in following them.



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1. Creation — Psalm 19:1-6

2. The Written Word – Psalm 19:7-11

3. Jesus – the Word of God – John 1:14; 14:6



John 1:1, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.



John 14:6

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.



God has shown Himself through

1. Creation - Psalm 19:1-6 His Power

2. The Written Word – Psalm 19:7-11 His Ways

3. Jesus – the Word of God – John 1:14; His Nature





1. You must believe God exists

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6



2. Must wholeheartedly pursue Him

Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!
Psalm 119:2



2. Must wholeheartedly pursue Him

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength

Deuteronomy 6:5



3. Must intently pursue Him

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.

Psalm 42:1



4. Must continually pursue Him

Seek the LORD and His strength; <u>Seek His face evermore!</u>

Psalm 105:4



How do we seek Him continually?

Now set your <u>heart</u> and your <u>soul</u> to seek the LORD your God.

1 Chronicles 22:19



How do we seek Him continually?

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:1-22



How do we seek Him continually?

This setting of the mind is the opposite of mental coasting.

It is a conscious choice to direct the heart toward God.



How do we seek Him continually?

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

2 Thessalonians 3:5



Why Seek?

Not because He is lost

But because we can loose our way.

We need to be in His presence Seeking His Face



How To Seek?

Creation — Psalm 19:1-6 His Power

Observe

The Written Word – Psalm 19:7-11 His Ways

Remember

Jesus – the Word of God – John 1:14; His Nature

Participate

