

THE POINTERS TO THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

A. THE CREATION REVEALS THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

1. The possibility of creation.

- The illustration of Newton.

2. The great things that have been created.

Read Isaiah 40:25-26; (Job 11:7-8a; Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20).

- The number of the stars
- The distances of the stars
- The sizes of the stars
- The greatness and power of God

3. The small things that have been created.

Read Psalm 139:14.

- Cells in the human body.
- Lungs of a human.

4. Knowing that the Creator exists.

- The wristwatch illustration.

Summary.

B. THE BIBLE REVEALS THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

Read Matthew 24:35.

1. Facts concerning the contents of the Bible.

2. Facts concerning the origin of the Bible.

3. Facts concerning the copying of the Bible.

- Three groups of people contributed to the faithful transmission of the Hebrew text of the Old Testament through many centuries: the Sopherim, the Talmudists and the Masoretes.
- The faithful copying of the New Testament manuscripts.

4. Facts concerning the completeness of the Bible.

- The holy books of other religions.
- The Bible has never been amended.

Summary.

C. JESUS CHRIST REVEALS THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

1. The incarnation of Jesus Christ.

- The calendar-illustration.

2. Fulfilled prophecies about Jesus Christ.

- His birth in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1) from a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:20-23).
- His life as a Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Acts 3:22-23).
- His death on the cross (Psalm 22:16; Luke 23:33).
- His salvation (Isaiah 53:5-6; 1 Peter 2:24-25; Romans 4:25).

3. Jesus Christ revealed God.

Read John 1:1 and 14

John 1:3 and 9b

John 1:18 and 4

John 1:4,9a and 5,10

John 1:11 and 12

Mark 2:1-12

John 5:21-24- John 14:21,23

- Who Jesus Christ is (Colossians 2:9; Luke 1:30-37).
- What Jesus Christ does.
- How a person can come into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Summary.

D. THE HEART OF MAN REVEALS THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

1. How do all people know what is “right” and what is “wrong”?

Read Exodus 20:12-17; Romans 2:14-15.

2. What happened to the human heart?

Read Jeremiah 17:5-10.

3. Why is the heart so important.

Read Psalm 14:1; Psalm 10:2-4; Psalm 27:8.

Proverbs 4:23; Proverbs 23:26.

Summary.

E. THE LIVES OF REAL CHRISTIANS REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

1. Which changes took place in the life of the apostle Paul.

Read Acts 26:9-19 and Philippians 3:7-14.

2. Who changed Paul’s life so much?

Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16.

3. Look at the lives of genuine Christians.

Summary.

Summary. The 5 things that point to the existence of God:

If you want to know whether God exists, then:

1. Study the creation and discover the wonders, power, beauty and order of the work of God in creation.
2. Study the Bible and discover the thoughts, decisions, words and deeds of God in human history.
3. Study Jesus Christ and discover the nature, personality and character of God.
4. Listen to your heart and conscience and discover some important moral laws of God.
5. Study the lives and testimonies of genuine Christians and discover the power of God to change (transform) lives.

ASSIGNMENT BEFORE THE NEXT SESSION

1. Read the Bible passages again. Consider what the Bible says about the existence of God.
2. Consider the following problem: “If there is a God, why is there so much misery and suffering in the world?” Next time we will consider this problem