

Indisputable Evidence
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Good morning, Lighthouse! Are you ready for the Word of God this morning?

Hebrews 11:1-6

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for **he that cometh to God must believe that he is**, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

For sinners to come to God, to be saved, to stay out of hell, to be born again, to be redeemed and all the other terms that describe the transformation every believer has experienced when they came to know Jesus; that transformation begins first with believing simply that God IS!

He that cometh to God must believe that he is...

Who besides the Lord knows how many people out there in the world there are who truly wonder if there really is a God?

The Bible is very clear about the fact that man's ignorance of God is due to a willingness on his part to remain ignorant.

2 Peter 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old...

Your friends who do not believe there really is a God, or who sincerely claim they do not know if there really is a God...they are in that state of ignorance - by their own choice.

In reality, those friends are on their way to spend eternity in a real place of eternal torment called hell, because that is what they are choosing.

One could easily conclude that if that is their choice, then hell must be what they deserve.

Might I ask you, isn't hell what we also deserve?

We are not avoiding hell because we deserve better; we are going to heaven instead, because Jesus took our punishment for us; the same as He has done for all those who remain willingly ignorant.

If there was something we could do to get their attention, something we could do to change their minds, to get them to see it.

If somehow you could prove that there really is a God.

Romans 1:16-20

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

How can you prove that there really is a God?

I don't think we can, but that's OK, God already has; He has revealed Himself to man.

This is a message I surely want to get out there; that God has revealed Himself to man!

Today, we are going to look at just how He has done that, first:

I. God has Revealed that He is Real.

A. Initially God reveals Himself to us through His creation.

1. Romans 1:19-20

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

2. **1 Timothy 1:17** Now unto the King eternal, immortal, **invisible**, the only wise God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

3. **Colossians 1:15** Speaks of Jesus, **Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:**

4. These verses all speak of God as being invisible; which He is.

5. How can you see that which is invisible?

6. **Hebrews 11:27** By faith he [Moses] forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, **as seeing him who is invisible.**

7. We see the invisible through that which it does or in what it produces.

8. You can't see electricity, but you can see what it does.

9. You cannot see the air you breathe but you can see and feel what it does.

10. This is the same illustration that Jesus used:

John 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

11. So it is through what God has created and what God has done and continues to do that He reveals Himself to us.

B. That which may be known of God is manifest, or shown first of all "in us".

1. **Verse 19** Because that which may be known of God is manifest **in them**; for God hath showed *it* unto them.

2. Have you ever watched a newly born baby in those first weeks and months; one of the first big discoveries is when he discovers his hands.

3. Look at your own hand; pick a finger and move just that one. Close your eyes and touch the middle one to your thumb.

4. All of man's collective knowledge and skill from the beginning of time cannot duplicate just the smallest part of what God has done **in** every one of us!

5. Have you ever thanked God that you have a thumb? Wow, He gave most of us two of them. Snakes don't have them; birds don't have them; none but a fraction of the entire animal kingdom have them.

6. With a thumb and our superior intelligence, we can make watches, perform surgery, throw a football, tie our shoes and a million other useful tasks.

7. And how much could we say about the human eye, and the brain, and the heart and the entire function of the body?

C. Secondly, that which may be known of God is manifest or shown “to us”.

1. **Verse 19** Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed *it unto them*.

2. Start as far out as you can see or imagine.

3. The universe, the solar system; millions of galaxies all suspended upon nothing; billions of planets all staying in their place, moving in predetermined patterns in perfect order; all of them held there by what? (Or by Whom)? If even one fell out of place the whole system would collapse.

4. **Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

5. Next go to one tiny speck in just one of those millions of galaxies. We call this speck Earth.

6. Here we see eco systems that keep everything working in wonderful harmony; weather patterns; life teeming in abundance; all with a purpose.

7. Now go within; cells, molecules, atoms, neutrons, electrons, photons...many of these cannot be seen; like God, they are known to exist only by what they do.

8. When is the last time you heard someone say, “I don’t believe in molecules or atoms”?

D. Has God revealed Himself?

1. Yes, He has! Has He revealed Himself to everyone? Again; Yes, He has!

2. **Romans 1:20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

3. Even the most primitive of societies rule themselves with a system defining what is thought to be right or wrong.

4. **Romans 2:14** For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

5. When God reveals that He is Real, which He does to every man, this initial knowledge of God places every man in one of two categories based on his choice.

6. **Romans 1:21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

II. To one group, God will Reveal His Righteousness.

A. As God reveals Himself to man, the reaction of some is one of gratitude and glory.

1. Most, maybe all of you here today, are in this group.

2. David was a man like that.

Psalm 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvelous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

3. **Psalm 97:6** The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

4. When you look out to the heavens, do you see the handiwork of God, or do you see some big accident you really don't want to think about?

B. To those who give God glory, God sends even more light.

1. **2 Timothy 1:10** But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

2. As long as you desire it, God sends more and more light, until finally you are ready to know Him.

3. When you are ready, God will set you up an appointment with one of His messengers in which God will reveal His righteousness through the gospel:

Romans 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written. The just shall live by faith.

C. This is why we are here!

1. I have had the privilege of being that appointment for many of you.

2. God wants to reveal His righteousness to you...and then allow you to receive it as a free gift.

3. **Romans 3:22-24**

22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

4. There is a much larger group that refuse to be thankful or to give God glory.

III. To that other group God will reveal His wrath.

A. *When God reveals Himself, the response is crucial.*

1. The most common response is that of no glory and no gratitude.

2. **Romans 1:21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

B. *There is a price to pay for this response.*

1. They became vain in their imaginations. **Romans 1:22** Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

2. Many of these now claim to believe that a giant cosmic explosion (which came from nothing and was caused by nothing) blew all the matter in the universe into all these planets and galaxies with all of them orbiting and operating in perfect order.

3. Then on one of these accidental planets called Earth, somehow a single cell, without any help, became accidentally alive; and then, over millions of years, evolved into the perfect and amazing order we all see today.

4. Becoming a fool is just the beginning.

5. Then their foolish heart was darkened. **Genesis 6:5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

6. This is evolution: Ordinary people rejected God and evolved into fools!

7. Next in the evolution of wrath came the idolatry.

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

C. *God's wrath continues to mount up.*

1. **Romans 1:24-25**

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

2. **Romans 1:26-27**

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

3. Then in verse 28 we see the origin of atheism.

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

4. There is no limit to the depravity to which one can sink when he rejects God.

Conclusion:

Where are you in this process...You ARE in this process.

God has revealed Himself to all of us. We have indisputable evidence that He is real and that He is there.

Be very careful what you do with this truth that you face.

Don't make a choice you can't come back from.

It's not too late or you wouldn't be considering this now.