



WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

It is the Instruction Manual from God.

Lesson 2B - How does God Communicate with us?

- Keep in mind that before people had (or wanted) access to the Bible, God used other ways.



THROUGH CREATION

- Psalm 19:1 - The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.
- Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Psalm 8:1 - O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens.

1. When you were a kid and you visited some beautiful place in nature, did you think that some great Being or God had to have made all this? Yes No
2. If a person refuses to believe in God, what would be their explanation of the origin of forests, huge mountains, the universe, oceans, etc.?

3. What does the phrase "In the beginning" in Genesis 1:1 mean?
a. When God first began to exist b. At the beginning of the creation process
4. Did God already exist before "in the beginning" happened? Yes No

Romans 1:20 - For since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and sovereign deity, so that they are without excuse.

5. What can be seen in the creation around us by every human being?

I _____ A _____

6. What are clearly seen and understood by the things God made?

E _____ P _____ and S _____ D _____

- Missionaries have found tribes of people out in jungles who have never seen or spoken to an outsider, and yet they know there is a supreme power who made all that they see.

FIVE INVISIBLE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Jeremiah 32:17 - Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. [GOD IS POWERFUL]

Daniel 4:35 - All the people of the earth are nothing compared to Him. He has the power to do as He pleases among the angels of heaven and with those who live on earth. No one can stop Him or challenge Him, saying, 'What do You mean by doing these things?' [GOD IS SOVEREIGN]

Isaiah 46:9-10 - I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. [GOD CAN DO ANYTHING]

Romans 8:35-39 - And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from His love, Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can not keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." [GOD IS LOVE]

Psalms 145:8 - The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness." [GOD IS MERCIFUL]

7. Yes No Wouldn't it take a God like this to make the incredible world we see?

God created the earth out of nothing - that takes power; God needed no help - that is sovereign; God is the only One who could do it - that is purpose; God wants man close to Him - that's love; God placed the earth the right distance from the sun - that's mercy.