

## TUESDAY – God Gives us Creation as a Blessing

**Big Point:** Everything you see in nature is a gift from God that proclaims the truth of who He is.

Take a moment and look out the window if you can. Ignore the buildings, cars, poles and anything else man-made. Just take a few moments and look at the natural world. Try to focus on something specific—a cloud, a tree or the ground. What do you see? Are you amazed by it or unimpressed?

Today we are going to look at Psalm 19:1-2. The first part of that verse says that the “heavens proclaim the glory of God.” Everything you see in creation—trees, grass, flowers, snow, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc—they all testify to God’s power. This means that when you aren’t sure about whether or not God’s got His eye on the ball, you can look at the world around you for the answer—YES!

In his book, *More than Meets the Eye*, author, physician and futurist Dr. Richard Swenson examines creation and how the world around us testifies to the greatness and preciseness of a holy God. He uses elements of nature and our universe to demonstrate that a God who is precise in how He created the world is more than capable of being able to control the circumstances of our lives.

Do you ever think of God as “precise?” Here are some striking facts about our world:

- Every second, four million tons of the sun is being converted from mass to energy. We only receive 1/1,000,000,000 of that energy—and yet, that is how we live. It is exactly the amount that we need. Any closer to the sun, we would be baked. Any farther from the sun and we would be in an ice age.
- Every cell in our body has a trillion atoms. We have between 10-100 trillion atoms in the human body and we make over a trillion cells every day. Who created our body to continuously replenish itself with just the right amount of cells going to the right places each day? God.

### READ & THINK...Find Answers in the Bible

Think about this—God didn’t have to create the world with intricate flowers, strange and unique looking fish, majestic mountain tops or even clear blue water. God could have just created a bland, colorless, yet functional world—but He didn’t. Read Psalm 19:1-2. What does the world around us tell us about God’s character?

#### **Psalm 19:1-2 (New Living Translation)**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

The skies display his craftsmanship.

<sup>2</sup> Day after day they continue to speak;  
night after night they make him known.

**Answer:**

Focus in on Psalm 19:2. How does our natural world speak to us each day about God’s glory?

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## **LIVE...What will you do now?**

Have you ever taken a picture of a beautiful sunrise or sunset? Perhaps you enjoy watching lightning storms or hearing the roll of thunder. What is your favorite thing in nature? Why?

Why do you think God made thousands of different species of birds, fish, trees, and flowers with so many different colors? If you have children, discuss this with them and see what they say.

Where is the most spectacular natural setting you've visited or seen in a photo? How did you feel as you looked at it? Did you have any heightened sense of God? Describe your experiences.

Have you ever thought about why God created different seasons in some areas of the world, but allows other areas to be constantly warm or constantly cold? How can the fact that God can manage all of these constant variables and keep them under His control give you encouragement in your life today?

## **Reflect on this...**

God gives us the natural world as an encouraging reminder of His character. The band, Gungor, released the song, "Beautiful Things" and it's about how God constantly renews the earth—and us.

In what are of your life do you need to trust to God for "renewal?"

## **PRAY...God, What do you want me to know & do?**

As you are going through your day, take some time to focus on the world around you. Pay attention to everything that God created and allow those things to enlarge your view of God. Ask God to remind you of His sovereignty and power whenever you gaze upon trees or are sitting on a beach (lucky!).

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