



We Can Know God Exists

Lesson Summary

God's existence as the self-sufficient and eternal Creator of the universe is presupposed from the very first verse of the Bible. God has not instructed His followers to spend time presenting physical evidences in an attempt to convince unbelievers of His existence. For example, Romans 10:17 does not say, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by amazing scientific evidences that prove the Bible to be true." On the contrary, the passage states: "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." No amount of physical evidence can convert a sinner into a child of God. Thankfully, this responsibility belongs to the Holy Spirit.

While we can use evidence (such as the very existence of design, order, natural laws, and principles in the universe) to confirm God's existence, we have to be careful not to elevate the evidences in nature above the truths of the Bible. If our interpretation of the evidence from nature can prove the Bible is true, then our interpretation becomes the authority over Scripture. That is the difference between thinking in an *evidential* way as opposed to a *presuppositional* way. The Bible should be our ultimate authority—our basic presupposition.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Psalm 90:1–6

1. When did God begin to exist?
2. What does it mean that God is everlasting or eternal?
3. How does the psalmist compare man to God?

Romans 1:20–22

4. What can be known about God from His creation?
5. Are there really any atheists according to this passage?

Prayer

Praise God that He is the eternal Creator of heaven and earth. Thank Him for His Word and for its gospel message, which is the power of God unto salvation. Ask God to help you use His Word as you witness, realizing that it is by hearing the Word of God that faith comes.

Family Prayer Requests: