对于神的认识

The Knowledge of God

自第十七题,至第三十三题,都是看到一个人在信主之后所该实行的事。从本题起我们要查看一个信徒在得救以后,所该知道并追求的一些事。其中的第一件,就是对于神的认识。我们光来看关于神各方面的重点,然后再看如何认识神。

The topics in chapters 17 through 33 cover matters to practice after believing in the Lord. In this volume we begin to examine matters that a believer should know and pursue after being saved. The first matter relates to the knowledge of God. We need to see and know some crucial points concerning various aspects of God.

壹 神证明了

I. God Having Revealed Himself

- (一) '自从造天地以来,神的永能和神性,是明明可知的。'罗马一章十九至二十节,诗篇十九篇一至三节,行传十四章十五至十七节,十七章二十六至二十七节,诗篇十四篇一节,五十三篇一节,希伯来十一章六节。
- 1. "Both His eternal power and divine characteristics, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world" (Rom. 1:20; see also Psa. 14:1; 19:1-2; 53:1; Acts 14:15-17; 17:26-27; Heb. 11:6).

神在宇宙中,已经藉着祂的创造,把祂自己证明出来了。自从造天地以来,神是明明可知的,神的永能和神性已经向人显明,人虽不能看见,但藉着所造之物,就可以晓得。所以神的创造,就是神的证明。'诸天述说神的荣耀,穹苍传扬祂的手段。'一切受造之物都是造物者的证明。就是宇宙的秩序,万物的规律,也都是神为祂自己所显出的证据。连人类的生存,也是神的证明。我们看见万物的存在,宇宙的规律,该知道有一位创造万物,管理宇宙的神。就是我们看看自己的一切,想想自己的来源,也该叫我们'寻求神,…可以揣摩而得'。有这许多证明和确据,除非愚顽,没有人能说'没有神'。凡是通达人,看到宇宙的事物、情景,必定承认而相信'有神'。

God has revealed Himself in the universe through His creation. Since the creation of the world, God's eternal power and divine characteristics have been manifested to men. Although men cannot see God, they can know Him through His creation. Therefore, creation is a proof of a creating God: "The heavens declare the glory of God, / And the expanse proclaims the work of His hands" (Psa. 19:1). All creation is a proof of the Creator. The order in the universe and the regulation of all things is a proof of the manifestation of God. Even the existence of human beings is a proof of God. When we consider the existence of all things and the regulation of the universe, we should realize that there is a God who created and governs the universe. When we consider the things related to ourselves and to our origin, this should also cause us to "seek God...grope for Him and find Him" (Acts 17:27). With such proof and evidence, a man will say, "There is no God," only out of stubbornness (Psa. 14:1; 53:1). Every reasonable man should confess and believe that there is a God when he sees the things in the universe and the order in the universe.

贰 神说话了

II. God Having Spoken

- (一) '神既在古时在众先知里面,多次多方的对列祖说话了,就在这末世在儿子里面,对我们说话。'希伯来一章一至二节原文,提后三章十六节,彼后一章二十至二十一节,马太二十二章三十一节。
- 1. "God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son" (Heb. 1:1-2; see also 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21; Matt. 22:31).

神在宇宙中,不只藉着创造把祂自己证明了,也藉着说话把祂自己说明了,把祂自己启示出来了。我们都知道,一个人说话,就是把自己和自己里面的故事,说出来给人知道。我如果只来站在你们跟前,而不说话,你们就不能知道我里面的故事,就没法明白我。神在宇宙中,如果只创造,而不说话,我们就只能知道有祂,而不能认识祂,晓得祂里面的故事。但是感谢神,祂说话了! 祂用话语把祂自己,和祂里面的心愿并一切,都启示出来了。在古时,祂是在众先知里面说话,在这末世,祂是在祂儿子里面说话。祂藉着众先知和祂儿子所说的一切话,都记在圣经里面。所以圣经就是祂在宇宙中所说的

话,是祂所默示的,是祂藉着祂的灵感动人说出来的。一切关乎祂的事,我们需要知道的,祂都在圣经中告诉我们了。这不需要我们研究,也不需要我们推测,因为祂都藉着圣经确定的启示我们了。创造如何是祂的证明,圣经也如何是祂的启示。我们凭创造如何能知道有祂,我们凭圣经也如何能认识祂,明白祂。

God not only reveals Himself through His creation in the universe, but He also explains and reveals Himself through His speaking. When a person speaks, his speaking reveals his inner thoughts so that others may know him. If I stood in front of you without speaking, you would not be able to know or understand me. If God only created the universe but did not speak, we would be able to know of His existence, but we would not be able to know Him or the things in Him. But God has spoken. His Word reveals Himself, His heart's desire, and everything within Him. In ancient times He spoke in the prophets; in the last of these days He has spoken in the Son (Heb. 1:1-2). Everything that He has spoken through the prophets and the Son is recorded in the Bible. Therefore, the Bible is the word He has spoken. He inspired the Bible; that is, He moved people to speak His word through His Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21). Everything that we need to know about God has been included in the Bible. We do not need to conduct research or guess concerning these matters, because He has clearly revealed them to us through the Bible. Just as the creation is a proof of God's existence, the Bible is a revelation of God Himself. We can know Him by the creation, and we can know and understand Him by the Bible.

参 神出来了

III. God Having Come Forth

- (一) '大哉,敬虔的奥秘,…就是神在肉身显现。'提前三章十六节。
- 1. "Great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16).

神在宇宙中,不只证明了,不只说话了,并且出来了;这是祂成为肉身。祂创造万物,是证明祂自己;祂启示圣经,是说明祂自己,祂成为肉身,是显出祂自己。虽然祂藉着创造已经把自己证明出来,藉着说话已经把自己启示出来,但祂必须成为肉身,才能把自己显现出来。祂的创造只能给人知道有祂,祂的说话只能给人明白祂,乃是祂的成为肉身,才能给人看见祂,遇着祂。感谢祂,祂不只创造了,不只说话了,并且成为肉身了。从前藉着创造证明祂自己,并藉着说话启示祂自己的神,现在藉着成为肉身显出祂自己来了。祂从前是向人证明祂自己,是向人启示祂自己,现在是向人显出祂自己。道成肉身的耶稣基督,就是祂在肉身的显现。这是宇宙中一个极大的奥秘!这个奥秘不只是极大的,并且是'敬虔的',是能显出神,能叫人看见神的。

God has not only revealed Himself in the creation of the universe and in His speaking, but He has also come through His incarnation. He created all things to demonstrate His existence, He inspired the Bible to reveal and explain Himself, and He was incarnated as a man to manifest Himself. Although He revealed Himself through His creation and His speaking, He manifested Himself through incarnation. His creation pointed man to His existence, and His speaking enabled man to understand Him. However, His incarnation enabled man to see Him and meet Him. Thank the Lord that God has not only created and spoken but also manifested Himself in the flesh. The God who revealed Himself through His creation and His speaking has manifested Himself through His incarnation. Prior to His incarnation He revealed Himself to man, but through His incarnation He has manifested Himself to man. Jesus Christ was the manifestation of God in the flesh. This great mystery in the universe, the mystery of godliness, manifested God so that man could see God.

- (二) '从来没有人看见神,只有在父怀里的独生子将祂表明出来。'约翰一章十八节,一节,四节, 十四章九至十节,十二章四十四至四十五节,十三章二十节,五章二十三节,十章三十节,五章十八 至十九节,腓立比二章六至七节,希伯来一章三节,歌罗西一章十五节,二章九节。
- 2. "No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him" (John 1:18, see also vv. 1, 4; 5:18-19, 23; 10:30; 12:44-45; 13:20; 14:9-10; Phil. 2:6-7; Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:15; 2:9). 神向人显出来,是在祂的独生子里。祂没有在祂儿子里显出来之先,从来没有人看见祂。祂的儿子就是祂自己,就是祂的显出,成为肉身,显在人中间。人看见了祂的儿子,就是看见了祂;相信祂的儿子,就是相信祂;接待祂的儿子,就是接待祂;尊敬祂的儿子,也就是尊敬祂。因为祂在祂儿子里面,祂儿子也在祂里面,与祂原为一,与祂平等,与祂同等,是祂荣耀所发的光辉,是祂本体的真

像,本有祂的形像,并且也就是祂的像,有祂本性一切的丰满居住在里面,所以子虽然成为肉身,有 了人的样式,甚至取了奴仆的形像,但在人中间却将祂表明出来。

God has been manifested to man through the only begotten Son. Before God was manifested in the Son, no one had ever seen God. The Son is the manifestation of God among men through incarnation. When men saw the Son, they saw God. To believe in the Son is to believe in God, to receive the Son is to receive God, and to honor the Son is to honor God because God is in the Son, and the Son is in God. The Father and the Son are one. The Son is the effulgence of God's glory and the impress of His substance. He has the form of God, and He is the image of God. All the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him bodily. The Son declared God among men even though He was in the likeness of a man and in the form of a slave.

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