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Subject: Psalm 19:2

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I. Who or What is Speaking?

We read in Psalm 19:1, the verse right before our text,

"The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament shows His handywork."

This whole creation is God's "handy work"; and as a painter portrays a message with every stroke of his brush, so has God with the breath of His mouth; and so in this awesome way, His "cavass," "utters speech."

II. Who is being spoken to?

While still referring to the witness of God's creation, we read in verse 3 of Psalm 19,

"There is no speech nor language,
Where their voice is not heard."

It makes no difference whether someone speaks Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Greek, Hebrew, or French; or any of the hundreds of different languages spoken throughout the world - all mankind, without exception - everyone hears the ^{powerful} ~~strong~~ voice of creation; and it carries a message for every single man, woman, and child on the face of this earth; now, over 7 billion of us.

III. What is the Message?

We read in Romans 1:20

"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen,..."

Meaning we are aware of God whom we cannot see, by the things which He has created, which we can see because everything that's created indicates there is a Creator.

"being understood by the things that are made,..."

God ~~created~~ made the sun, the moon, the stars, the planets, the animals - even all of His creation - so that we will understand of His existence. Therefore even the natural man without faith, understands there is God over all because it doesn't take faith to see the sun - it is there, and the natural man can perceive it with his natural senses, which is all meant to direct his thinking to,

"even His eternal power and Godhead;..."

The world seeks to suppress the existence of God so they can appease themselves by continuing to live in sin. Psalm 14:1-3

"The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that does good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that does good, no, not one."

Mankind understands that the things which are seen declare the being of the God who made them, but rather than seeking Him they "hold [i.e. suppress] the truth in unrighteousness." (Rom. 1:18).

Just the other week I found myself ministering the Gospel to someone who strongly believes in evolution; yet he couldn't help but to laugh as he told me of the "proof" of how this world is billions of years old and how we "evolved" from monkeys... it's as if he couldn't believe that he actually believed this.

i was taught the "truth" of evolution in school growing up, and i thank Jesus Christ our Lord for removing me from that error by shining the light of the glorious Gospel into my heart. But i still wonder, why are people so bent on believing we came from monkeys? And if evolution were true, why have we stopped "evolving"? ^{And} Why are the monkeys we supposedly evolved from, still here...??. 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."

And yet no matter how far their vain imaginations take them, Romans 1:20 ends by saying,

"so that they are without excuse."

All the time people waste "proving" there is no God, all the money, all the resources, all the theories... it means nothing. You see that sun in the sky - that's proof, how did it ~~be~~ get there? While speaking to a dear Christian friend of mine,

just the other week, he told me, "There was a 'Big Bang,' that's true, there was... God spoke and brought this all into existence, that's the real 'Big Bang'." Amen brother Chris, amen.

IV. Who's Knowledge is Being Displayed?

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We read in ~~Jeremiah~~ Jeremiah 10:10, 12

"But the LORD is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting King: at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation... He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by His discretion."

We are living in a day when numerous technological advancements have been made, and everyone marvels at just how complex they are... they are not creating anything actually new; rather everything

is crafted from the things of this earth and this solar system - which God ~~created~~ made from things which never existed before.

"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."

- Hebrews 11:3

And even with all the gadgets mankind is so impressed with, are they made perfectly? Are they not in need of repairs, updates, even replacements by a "new and better" gadget right after you buy them? What kind of wisdom is that? What kind of fickle knowledge does this show man to have? Yet their ~~id~~ inventors are plastered all over the tv's and newspapers, even though it will be shortly outdated.

Has the sun ever become outdated? Did God need a sun version 2.0? No, of course not, God has created this all - not to last forever - but to remain as long as He is pleased to continue to glorify Himself through this creation.

"And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." - Genesis 8:21-22

The centerpiece of this world is God's wisdom. God's infinite knowledge shown by His creation and articulated in His Word, the Bible. May we all learn from the humble prayer of Hannah, and make it our own in our hearts, 1 Samuel 2:1-4

"And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoices in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in Thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside Thee: neither is there any Rock like our God. Talk no more so exceedingly proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed."

V. The Persistence of Speech and Knowledge

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God's creation is His never resting witness, every day and every night, the testimony of God is exalted in the earth. No matter what corner of the earth people dwell, this witness reaches even to them (Ps. 19:4) and never stops... every day, every hour, every second, the glory of God is declared throughout all the world, and everything and everyone belongs to Him. Psalm 89:11

"The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them."

The witness of creation is sufficient to bring condemnation, but not salvation, only the Word of God is perfect and converts the soul when blessed by His Holy Spirit,

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:..." - Psalm 19:7

VI. Conclusion

The creation is God's never ceasing witness which is insufficient to bring salvation and knowledge of forgiveness of sins, but is a massive testimony used by God to declare the glory only He Himself is due, to humble the pride of man, and to direct them to seek Him at His Word the Bible for fuller revelation, mercy, forgiveness, and to teach man to worship Him by love and truth.

God created us for a specific purpose, to live by every word that proceeds out of His mouth, and to serve Him and to live for Him all our life long. Judgment Day will soon arrive; in fact, this may even be your last day; so live like it is, and act accordingly. Put all your faith in God and ask His forgiveness for every sin, do so while we yet have the witness of His creation testifying that today is still the day of salvation. You may not live to see tomorrow; that is, if tomorrow ever comes...

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walks in darkness knows not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the Light [i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ], that ye may be the children of Light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them."

- John 12:35-36

i am ever gratefully,

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

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- 2 Cor. 4:1-5

The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Birks 1874

The heavens declare thy glory, the firmament Thy power;
day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour;
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of Thy hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant Thy praise,
and the moon beams soft and tender their gentler anthem raises;
O'er every tribe and nation the music strange is poured,
the song of all creation to Thee, creation's Lord.

All heaven on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;
the stars with solemn voices resound Thy praises still;
so let my whole behaviour, thoughts, words and actions, be,
O Lord, my strength, my Saviour, one ceaseless song
to Thee.