

**Core Seminars – Basics  
Jump Start  
Week 3**



**Listening to God**

**I. Introduction**

**Psalm 19 – Two Assumptions**

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“I take this to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world.” C.S. Lewis

**II. The Praise of Creation**

(vss. 1–6)

What does Creation reveal to us?

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Creation also tells us something about what God is like:

- Isaiah 40:25-26 -
- Isaiah 40:28 -
- Psalm 145:9, 15-16 -

Summary: Natural revelation proclaims to all that there is a God who should be worshipped and leaves us all without excuse.

“O wide, embracing, wondrous love, we read you in the sky above; we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.” Horatius Bonar

### **III. The Perfection of God’s Word**

(vss. 7-11)

Why is God’s word so valuable?

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Summary: God’s Word, in the Scriptures, is his perfect and the primary means of communicating to us directly.

### **IV. Our Prayerful Response**

(vss. 12-14)

#### *The Implied theology of Psalm 19*

1. God’s glory, majesty, power and dominion is evident to all through natural revelation in creation. (vss. 1-6; cf. Romans 1)
2. The Scriptures are God’s inerrant and infallible special revelation, revealing his righteous requirements and giving to those who obey them life. (vss. 7-11)
3. Man’s response to God’s revelation, whether natural or special, should be humble repentance and faith. (vss. 12-14)

### **V. 2 Timothy 3: 14-17- A New Testament Parallel**

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

What is the source of Scripture?

What is the purpose of Scripture?

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### **VI. Conclusion**

- God reveals himself to us through his creation (natural revelation) and especially through His word, the Bible (special revelation).
- Creation reveals the character of God.
- The Bible reveals God’s righteous claim on our lives, our just condemnation under his Law, and the only way of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- The Scriptures also teach and equip us how to lead a life that is pleasing to God.

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*Next week: Talking to God*

- **Additional Resources** – *Fundamentalism and the Word of God* by J.I. Packer; *For the Love of God* by D.A. Carson; “God Told Me So” by Mark Dever in the August 2002 CCR E-newsletter.