

Have You Seen God?

*“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God;
and the Firmament Shows His Handiwork”*

Psalms 19:1

Can You See God?

- The Russian astronaut, Yuri Gagarin, was the first man in space on April 12, 1961; he is quoted as saying that he did not see God when he was in space
- In contrast, John Glenn said, “To look out at this kind of creation out here and not believe in God is to me impossible, ... It just strengthens my faith. I wish there were words to describe what it's like.”
- The atheist does not believe in God because he cannot see God

Can You See God?

- Jesus said that one cannot see God (Jn. 5:37)
- God is the “invisible God” (Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:16)
- John says that no man has seen God (1 Jn. 4:12,20)

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- So, how do we know that God exists? Is he a product of our imagination like other mythical characters that do not exist? Can we “see” him or not?
- God manifest himself to Hagar in the form of an angel (Gen. 16:9-13)
- God manifest himself to Jacob in the form of a man (Gen. 32:24,30)

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- God manifest himself to Moses in a limited, but glorious form (Ex. 19:9; 24:9-11; 33:17-23; 34:5; Num. 12:8)
- God manifest himself to Isaiah in the form of a vision (Isa. 6:1)
- God manifests himself in different ways so that we can “see” him in many places, though not directly
- Consider five places that we “see” God

We See God in Nature

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, And night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language; Their voice is not heard.” (Psalm 19:1-3)

“To whom then will ye liken me, that I should be equal to him? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, not one is lacking.” (Isa. 40:25-26)

We See God in Nature

“because that which is known of God is manifest in them; for God manifested it unto them. For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse:”

(Romans 1:19-20)

We See God in Nature

“And yet He left not himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness.”
(Acts 14:17)

We see God when we see the goodness, design, and power in his natural creation

We See God in His Word

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold Wondrous things out of thy law.” (Psalm 119:18)

“But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words.” (1 Corinthians 2:12-13)

We See God in His Word

“And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe.” (1 Thess. 2:13)

“Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness.” (2 Tim. 3:16)

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“knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:20-21)

We see God when we see God's character, God's law, and God's will expressed in his word

We See God in Jesus Christ

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him” (John 1:18)

“Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father?” (John 14:8-9)

We See God in Jesus Christ

“who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (Colossians 1:15)

“who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Hebrews 1:3)

We see God when we see Jesus' life and teaching

We See God in His Blessings

“that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.” (Acts 17:27-28)

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning.” (James 1:17)

We See God in His Blessings

“Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?” (Heb. 13:5-6)

We see God in his providential blessings of food (Mt. 6:11,23-33), personal care (Mt. 10:30), escape (1 Cor. 10:13), care for troubles (Phil. 4:4-6), opened doors (Col. 4:2-3), care for sickness (Jas. 5:13-18), answered prayer (1 Pet. 3:12), etc.

We See God in His Children

“whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust.”

(2 Peter 1:4)

We see God when we see his children who are one like God (Jn. 17:21), who are light like God (Eph. 5:8), and who love like God (1 Jn. 4:7)

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In Nature

In His Word

In Jesus Christ

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“By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”
(Hebrews 11:27)

By the eye of faith we see God in all the ways he clearly
(with evidence) manifests himself today

Will You See God?

“Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is.” (1 John 3:2)

“And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads.”
(Revelation 22:3-4)

You will see God if you are one of his faithful children when Jesus comes again!