

T4: People Live in God's World

Psalm 19:1-4

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament^a proclaims his handiwork.
- ² *Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.*
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ *yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.*

God and Nature

1. God created a good world. (Gen 1:31)
2. God gives people charge over certain parts of nature. (Gen 1:27-30; 9:1-3)
3. The world becomes the arena for evil. (Gen 2, 3)
4. God judges wrong human choice. (Gen 4; 6:5-7)
5. God maintains control over creation in spite of wrong human choice. (Is 45:7-8; 12)
6. The God of Israel is superior to other gods. (1 Kgs 20:23-28; Ex 12:29)
7. Nature is a witness to God's power and rule. (Ps 104 and others; Job; Gen 7)
8. God uses nature to bless the people. (Gen 1; Ps 35, others)
9. The final destiny of all creation is under God's control and purpose. (Is 35; Ps 24:1; Joel 3)

^a Or *dome*

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