



**Explore God:
Is There a God?**

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If someone asked, "How do you know there is a God?", how would you respond?

*Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Yes, God is real!

- 1. If God is real, we expect to find evidence in _____.**
 - a. The _____ of creation speaks to a divine _____.**
 - *Psalm 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*
 - b. The _____ of creation speaks to divine _____.**
 - *Job 12:7-10 "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."*
 - c. The _____ of creation speaks to divine _____.**
 - *Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*
 - *Psalm 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."*

2. If God is real, we expect to find a _____ awareness of him.

a. The reality of God is expressed by the natural _____ of man.

- *Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."*

b. The reality of God is expressed by a natural _____ to God.

- *Romans 8:5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.*

c. The reality of God is expressed by a natural _____ to God.

- *Romans 2:14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, 15 since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.)*

3. If God is real, we expect him to _____ deeply for his people.

a. God is realized in _____.

- *3 John 11 Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.*

b. God is realized in _____.

- *1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.*

c. God is realized in _____.

- *Isaiah 45:19 I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right.*

4. How do I answer this question?

- a. You say that God is not real, I am curious what led you to that conclusion?
- b. What would you need to experience to know God is real?
- c. Would you be open to me sharing what evidence I see for the reality of God?

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MY PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: