



Sermons You Won't Read in the Bible

Psalms 16:8, 11 - "I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved... You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

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- We are reminded that in the presence of God there is fullness of joy and true happiness.
- We are in the presence of God when we walk among and contemplate God's creation
 - Psalm 19:1-3 - "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard."

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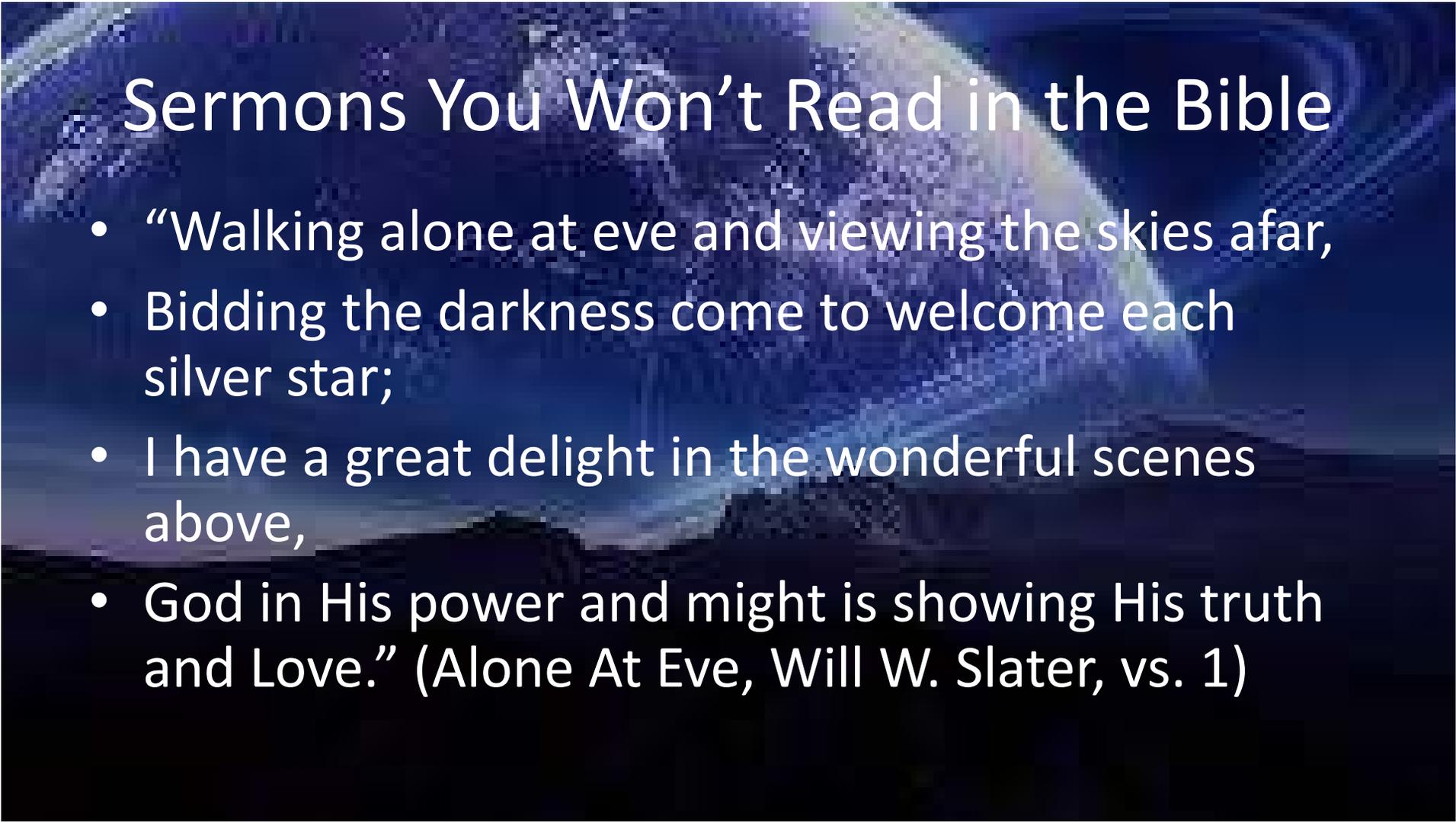
- Nature reveals God's eternal power and deity
 - Rom. 1:20 - "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse"
- When we consider God's creation, we understand more of His power and of His person

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- In that they fulfill this Divinely ordained purpose, inanimate objects worship and glorify God
 - Psalm 68:7-11 - “O God, when You went out before Your people, When You marched through the wilderness, 8 The earth shook; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. 9 You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, When it was weary. 10 Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor. 11 The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it”

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- Nature can enhance our focus on God's person and power
- Isaac would go out into the fields to meditate
 - Gen. 24:63 - "And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening"
- Jesus would often go to the mountains to pray
 - Matt. 14:23 - "And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there"



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- “Walking alone at eve and viewing the skies afar,
- Bidding the darkness come to welcome each silver star;
- I have a great delight in the wonderful scenes above,
- God in His power and might is showing His truth and Love.” (Alone At Eve, Will W. Slater, vs. 1)

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- God's word completes the full revelation of Himself and His will
- Through nature, we are limited in what we can learn from God
- We can see His power, divinity, glory, and knowledge
- But we learn little of His will and purpose for us

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- It is only in Divine revelation that God has made His will fully known
 - 1Cor. 2:9-13 - “But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him. 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

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 - Eph. 3:3-5 - “How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets”

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- “Sitting alone at eve and dreaming the hours away,
- Watching the shadows falling now at the close of day;
- God in His mercy comes with His word He is drawing near,
- Spreading His love and truth around me and everywhere.” (Ibid., vs. 2)

Sermons Preached By Creation

- Creation is part of God's general revelation, affirming certain facts about Him - Rom. 1:18-21
- The universe testifies of God
 - Psalm 8:3-4 - “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?”
- Nature is not God, and God is not nature; He uses nature to reveal Himself to humankind

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- Psalm 19:1-6 - “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. 6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.”

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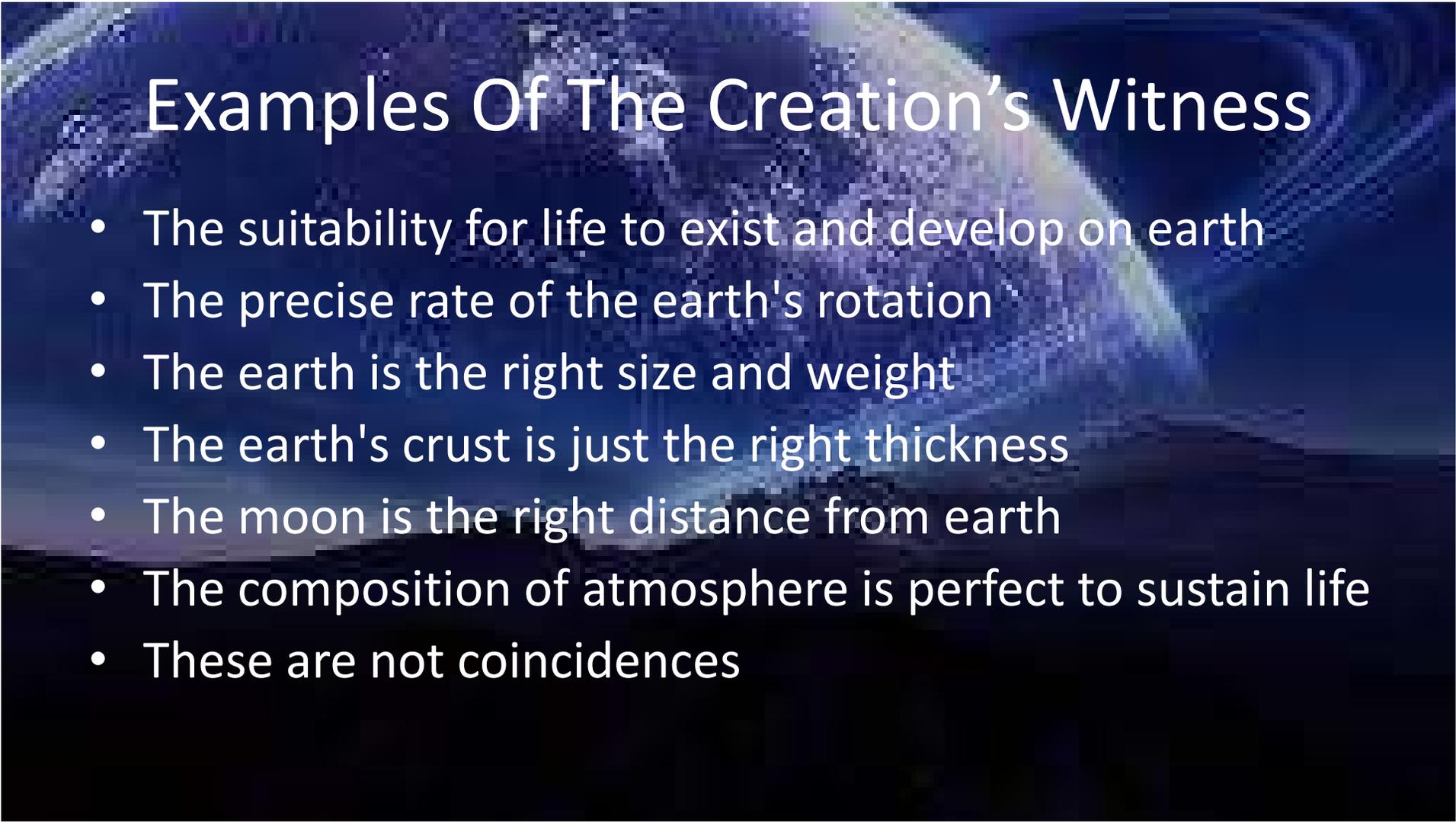
- Psalm 19:1-6 teaches of the revelation of God through creation; these truths are found in those verses.
 - God's glory is being proclaimed
 - The testimony is constant
 - The revelation is nonverbal
 - It is worldwide in scope
 - There is no language barrier
 - The sun gives constant testimony. Like the sun, the existence of God is obvious to all. Nothing can hide from the sun; no one can hide from God

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- Rom. 1:18-21 - “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Sermons Preached By Creation

- Rom. 1:19-21 reveals important truths about God's general revelation.
 - The testimony about God is clear. No one has any excuse.
 - Conclusions can be drawn about God and His existence
 - The testimony is constantly witnessed by everyone since the time God created the world.
 - General revelation holds people accountable. Because of the witness of nature, people are held accountable to God for the knowledge that God has revealed to them in His revealed word.
 - This type of revelation is limited in what it can disclose, specifically, “His eternal power and divine nature.”



Examples Of The Creation's Witness

- The suitability for life to exist and develop on earth
- The precise rate of the earth's rotation
- The earth is the right size and weight
- The earth's crust is just the right thickness
- The moon is the right distance from earth
- The composition of atmosphere is perfect to sustain life
- These are not coincidences

Examples Of The Creation's Witness

- Heb. 11:3 - "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."
- Gen. 1:1 - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
- Psalm 33:6 - "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth."
- 2Peter 3:5 - "For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water"

Nature's Sermons Are Manifest

- “I’m not an atheist. The problem involved is too vast for our limited minds. We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many languages. The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books but doesn’t know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent human being toward God. We see the universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws but only dimly understand these laws.” *(First published as “What Life Means to Einstein,” Saturday Evening Post, October 26, 1929. Quoted in Walter Isaacson, Einstein: His Life and Universe; New York: Simon & Schuster, 2007, p. 386.)*

Nature's Sermons Are Manifest

- “Earth is crammed with heaven and every common bush aflame with God, but only those who see that take off their shoes. The rest just sit around and eat blackberries.”
(Elizabeth Barrett Browning)
- “For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak. But as he pulls himself over the last rock and reaches the summit he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.” *(Robert Jastrow, founder and director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies)*