

- 2 *The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.*
- 3 *His work is honourable and glorious . . .*
- 6 *He hath shewed his people the power of his works . . .*
- 7 *The works of his hands are verity and judgment . . .*
- 10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom . . . (Psalm 111)*

We do not believe in God because we believe the Bible. We are not Christians because we believe the Bible. We believe in God because we see and experience His **works!** We believe the Bible because we believe in God. If God **is**, He must **be** God; that is, He must rule, govern. If He rules, He must make His will known. There is no objective and credible record on earth of the will and law of the Living God other than that found in the Bible. We are Christians because Christ has undeniably demonstrated in His powerful works, before us and in us, that He is God.

That is the unvarying sequence that brings us to the Christian faith. We are all subjective creatures. Of all that we are told and taught, we **believe** only that which we **experience** by our senses. Wisdom is to know the true God, and Jesus Christ His Son. The beginning of wisdom is the fear of God; and the first revelation of God is His works. The Bible is the word of God, and in it we find Him revealed, but it is not the only, and certainly not the first, revelation of Himself. If it were, billions of people would live and die without any accountability to God, simply because of their ignorance of His existence. But He has preempted that excuse by the revelation of Himself in His glorious works.

- 1 *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.*
- 3 *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. (Psalm 19)*

God sets His works before us to gain our attention to His word. If we believe in Him because of His works, we will surely hearken to His word. If we hear and believe His word (trust and obey), we will surely come to learn and know His ways, and in His ways, find peace and rest for our souls (Matt. 11:27-30). To those Jews who sought to stone Him because they could not receive His words, Jesus said,

- 37 *If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.*
- 38 *But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. (John 10)*

So the works of God become the great watershed, the dividing point of the elect from the reprobate. The works of God are studied, contemplated, considered by those who love them. But those scoffers and God deniers who will not glorify God in wonder and thanksgiving will merely profess themselves wise, become fools, change the glory of God to beasts and creeping things, and worship and serve the creature rather than the blessed Creator (Romans 1:21-25) Lest we also be fools, let us be wise enough to consider God's works.

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