

# **God's Two Witnesses**

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God said that all things must be established by at least two witnesses.

Numbers 35:29 So these *things* shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Vs. 30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but **one witness shall not testify against any person** to cause him to die.

One witness is not enough to establish anything.

Deuteronomy 17:6 **At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death;** but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

Vs. 7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

But this is not just for the death penalty.

Deuteronomy 19:15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

And this principle is not confined to the Old Testament.

Matthew 18:16 But if he will not hear *thee*, then take with thee one or two more, that **in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**

Everything is established by at least two witnesses. So who are the witnesses that establish or bare witness to the existence of God? Turn to Romans 1:

Romans 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

Vs. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, **being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead;** so that they are without excuse:

Let's take a look at the New Revised Standard Version's language;

Romans 1:19 N.R.S.V. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Vs. 20 Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse;

This is not just a New Testament concept that Paul dreamed up. David knew this a long time before Paul was around.

Psalms 19:1 **The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.**

Vs. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Vs. 3 **There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.**

Vs. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Vs. 5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

Vs. 6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Check out the wording in The New Living Translation:

Psalms 19:1 N. L. T. The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship.

Vs. 2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known.

Vs. 3 They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies;

Vs. 4 yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world. The sun lives in the heavens where God placed it.

Vs. 5 It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.

Vs. 6 The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat.

So all of creation is the first witness that testifies to the existence of God. But as we have seen, it takes two witnesses not just one. Where is the other one? Turn to Romans chapter two:

Romans 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Vs. 14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Vs. 15 Which shew **the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness,** and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Again, New The Living Translation gives us some clearer language.

Romans 2:13 N. L. T. For it is not merely knowing the law that brings God's approval. Those who obey the law will be declared right in God's sight.

Vs. 14 Even when Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, instinctively follow what the law says, they show that in their hearts they know right from wrong.

Vs. 15 They demonstrate that **God's law is written within them,** for their own consciences either accuse them or tell them they are doing what is right.

This conscience thing is not a new concept. Turn to Genesis Chapter one:

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Vs. 28 And God blessed them, and **God said unto them,** Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue**

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Vs. 16 And the LORD God it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Vs. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

“God said to them” should read “God commanded them” because the sentence ends with a period which means that this is a command. The word “subdue” means to “bring into submission.” commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Vs. 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Between the verses in chapter one quoted above and these in chapter two God is instilling in man (man’s conscience) all of His law. Man had to know how he related to the rest of creation and most of all how he related to God. So God instilled in man the knowledge of God and what exactly man’s relationship with God is.

But here again, this is not new. Turn to Ezekiel 28:

Ezekiel 28:14 Thou *art* the **anointed cherub that covereth;** and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Vs. 15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, **till iniquity was found in thee.**

Vs. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and **thou hast sinned;** therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

This is talking about Lucifer during the first earth age. “Iniquity was found” in him and he “sinned.” Since sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4), and he was the “anointed cherub that covereth,” he had within him all of the consciousness of not only God’s existence but also God’s law and Kingdom.

Everything must be established by two witnesses; creation is the first witness to God’s existence, our conscience is the second witness. So as Paul said; “We are without excuse!” No one can truthfully deny God. Many men has seared their own conscience and denied creation in order to do as they please. They reason within themselves that if there is no God, then they can make up their own rules for living. Guess what? God is not mocked. Just because a person says that there is no God does not make it so. These two witnesses scream out that God not only exists, but also that He is THE God of the universe.

Thank you God for creating us and instilling in us the knowledge of you!

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