

The Microscope

Pt. 2 - Putting God Under the Microscope

Opening joke - Smuggling bicycles

- Creation puts God under a microscope.

Romans 1:20, For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Note - People are without excuse.

- The Bible puts God under a microscope.

Psalm 138:2, I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Note - Many who claim not to believe in God have never read the Bible.

John 5:39, "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"

Note - There are many messianic prophecies in the Bible, all fulfilled by Christ!

Example - His virgin birth, His lineage, the place of His birth, the kind of death He would suffer (before it was even invented), the betrayal of His close friend, etc.

Note - 1 out of 10 to the 17th power!

How to Put God Under a Microscope

1. Unity puts God under a microscope.

Psalm 34:3, Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Note - One of the greatest demonstrations of the power of God will be a united church in a divided world.

John 13:35, By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

2. Praise puts God under a microscope.

Psalm 69:30, I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Note - Praise magnifies our answer over our problem! (Illustrate)

3. The gifts of the Spirit put God under a microscope.

Acts 10:46, For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Example - The girl from UL

Note - 1 Corinthians 12 - Tongues, Interpretation,
prophecy, discernment, wisdom,
knowledge, faith, healing, miracles.

4. Prayer puts God under a microscope.

Psalm 40:16, Let all who seek you shout for joy and be glad in you. May those who love your deliverance say, "The LORD be magnified!" continuously.

Note - Prayer gives God the opportunity to show Himself strong.

James 4:2-3, You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong - you want only what will give you pleasure.

5. The tithe puts God under a microscope.

Malachi 3:10, Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Example - Bru's story

Psalm 35:27, Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

6. Deliverance puts God under a microscope.

Acts 19:17, Now this became known to all those inhabiting Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

Example - Teen Challenge

- We are the microscope.

Philippians 1:20, My eager expectation and hope is that I shall not be put to shame in any way, but that with all boldness, now as always, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.