

HOPE & THE HIMALAYAS: WHY WE MUST GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

The Story of Scripture, part 15

Psalm 19, ESV

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LOCAL MINISTRY AND MISSION ARE TOTALLY NECESSARY.

GLOBAL MISSION IS TRAGICALLY NEGLECTED.

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF GENERALLY IN THE WORLD AROUND US.

The result of God's general revelation is humbling separation.

ROMANS 1:18 – 20

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF SPECIALLY IN HIS WORD TO US.

The result of God's special revelation is hope for salvation.



ALL PEOPLE HAVE GOD'S GENERAL REVELATION IN THE WORLD.

MANY PEOPLE DON'T HAVE GOD'S SPECIAL REVELATION IN HIS WORD.

The Bible is not available in their language.

The gospel is not accessible where they live.

- More than 6,000 people groups.

- Over 2 billion people.

IF OVER 2 BILLION PEOPLE IN MORE THAN 6,000 PEOPLE GROUPS DO NOT HEAR GOD'S WORD, THEY CANNOT EXPERIENCE SALVATION FROM THEIR SEPARATION.

ROMANS 10:13 - 14, 17

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? . . . So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

THEREFORE, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE OF EVERYONE WHO HAS GOD'S WORD TO MAKE IT KNOWN TO EVERYONE IN THE WORLD.

ROMANS 10:15B

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!

We stop saying . . . "But I'm not called to global mission."

Reflects an unbiblical understanding of our salvation.



We stop saying . . . “Wouldn’t it be better for me to give than to go?”
Reflects an unbiblical understanding of the gospel.

We stop saying . . . “Why don’t we just let the locals do it?”
Reflects an unbiblical understanding of the need.

We stop saying . . . “But what about the needs here?”
Reflects an unbiblical understanding of compassion.

We stop saying . . . “It’s too costly/risky/difficult/dangerous.”
Reflects an unbiblical understanding of discipleship.

**WE START GOING RIGHT WHERE WE LIVE AND WHEREVER GOD
LEADS . . . AND WE CONTINUALLY SEND FROM THE CHURCH WITH
OUR RESOURCES . . . INTO A WORLD OF URGENT SPIRITUAL AND
PHYSICAL NEED.**

