

God is Here

"Apart from God every activity is merely a passing whiff of insignificance."

~Alfred North Whitehead

There are actually those of us on this planet earth who do not believe God is on it. As hard as it seems, many don't see or hear the living God in action.

Even atheists acknowledge God. They lobby against him on a regular basis.

One might say, "Prove to me there is a God." I would say, "Prove to me there is not."

If there were not a God, the Jews would still be in bondage in Egypt. The Red Sea would not have been crossed. Jesus would not have come to earth. Heaven would not exist.

So if you might be wondering about this, let's take a look at why we can know without a doubt that God is here.

1. God is here because he has revealed himself.

Century after century, decade after decade, God has revealed himself to his people, and to many others. From the Ten Commandments dictation to the fire and cloud, God had made his presence known simply by observation.

When people have needed convincing, thunder and lightning have been added for effect. Visions of heaven appear in dreams. Words are spoken to people who are open to all of God.

2. God is here because he has written us love letters.

The entire Bible is filled with messages from God inspired by his Holy Spirit. It is like no other book. Brimming with messages, with inspiration, with the presence of his spirit translating insight into life, God is writing and speaking every day through his word.

3. God is here because he changes people.

There is no other explanation for a heart filled with darkness transformed to love.

People who were wicked become people of faith. Drunkards become sober. Self-lovers become God-lovers. The daily changes God makes in his people are evidence that he is not only here, he is active.

4. God is here because he works miracles.

(Notice I say works miracles, not worked.)

Some are under the illusion that miracles are in the past. A miracle is something which cannot be explained by the ways of the world. It is a supernatural intervention in the life of human beings.

In thirty years of ministry, I have seen them. In me, and in others. I see them all the time because I am privileged to be in a position to see them. It is the way of God. It is what God does. Some may wonder because they do not see them, but they still exist.

5. God is here because he protects.

Whether it is reaching down to pull Peter out of the water after he sees the waves or saving us from automobile wrecks, God protects his people. He has promised to use divine power to protect and defend, and he has never let us down.

6. God is here because he guides.

How many times have you gone into a situation or location not knowing why or how, and realize the God has sent you there to help? He told Abraham he was going to

- lead him to the Promised Land, and Abraham had no idea where it was. God knows every place and direction under heaven and earth.
7. God is here because he speaks.
He spoke to Moses and the apostles. He speaks to laity and clergy when they listen. He spoke understandable words when he called me into the ministry. And he speaks thoughts to me every day. I expect it. It happens, because God is God.
 8. God is here because he became flesh.
Mary and Joseph and Bethlehem are not fairy tales. They are true. Just like the virgin birth, the arrival of God in Christ on earth, and the sending of his Holy Spirit to dwell in us are fact.
 9. God is here because he is everywhere.
By default, he is here. In heaven, on earth, in homes, in churches, in our thoughts, in our hearts. Before us, behind us, beside us. In good times and bad. The omnipresence of God is like no other force on earth. He is every place which exists and a few places which have not yet come into being.
 10. God is here because the world still exists.
If he did not, we would have killed each other long ago. Somehow he is able to keep the world from breaking apart, even though non-believer and believer frequently try their best to control it into oblivion.

So test God and see if he is, indeed, here. He is more than up to the challenge. Give him an area you have been keeping to yourself. You will be surprised at how much more he can do with it than you. And God will be there.

God is here. Don't waste time whiffing, go with Gods' plan.