

TIMOTHY KELLER'S  
*The* **REASON** *for* **GOD**  
BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM

## 9. CLUES & KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

### *Today's Verses:*

Hebrews 11:1-3	Psalm 19:1-3	Galatians 3:23-24
Colossians 1:15	Romans 1:19-20	Hebrews 11:6
John 14:9	Romans 2:12-16	Psalm 34:8
Luke 10:22	Galatians 3:10-11	

## AGAPE DINNERS

Thanksgiving family dinners hosted by our Gospel Communities

Sunday evening, November 18th  
RSVP at *Welcome Center for locations*

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## INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTERS 8 & 9:

Since God, by definition, is infinite, and human beings are finite, God would have to reveal Himself to man in such a way that we could know Him and relate to Him. He has done this through “general revelation” where God communicates about Himself to all people at all times and in all places. He also does this through “special revelation” where God communicates particular things about Himself to particular people at particular times. General clues and knowledge about God’s existence and power are seen in the existence of the physical universe as well as in human beings. It’s only the Biblical view of creation that adequately explains the mysteries of our world. By it, we know where the Big Bang came from, why the universe is fine-tuned for organic life and why the laws of nature are so predictable. It explains why our intuitions about the meaningfulness of beauty, love and human dignity are to be expected...because they come from a God of beauty, love, peace and justice in whose image we have been created. By it, we also understand that the violence and hate that we see in our world exists because we as people are broken by sin and need to be redeemed. Through it we realize that God has not been vague about Himself, but He has specifically revealed Himself in His Son Jesus; through whom He provides that redemption by making all things new.

## DISCUSSION

How, and in what ways, do you know someone personally (spouse, kids, friends or coworkers)?

## EXPLANATION

What is the difference between “general” and “specific revelation?”

What are some examples of each type of revelation that has helped you to personally know God?

## APPLICATION – READ PS 19:1-3 & HEB 11:1-3

Explain how each of the following points you to a Creator God: the universe, the human eye, beauty, and morality.

Where do human rights come from?

## MISSION

How can we lovingly show a non-believer God’s revelations in both general and specific ways?

Spend time in prayer for the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of your family/friends to humble themselves and see the glory of God.

**HOMEWORK** Read Chapters 8 & 9 in the Reason for God.