



Science and the Symphony of Creation with John D. Mays

Episode 1: God's Two Books

Outline:

Two Books

- The first book of revelation is God's word, which is special revelation.
 - Glory
 - Psalm 19:1: The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
 - Care
 - Psalm 104:24: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
 - Psalm 104:27: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.
 - Growing
 - Psalm 111:2: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
 - Praise
 - Psalm 148:3: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
 - What happens when you kill an ant? A creature which gave glory to God by its mere existence has ceased to exist.
- God's works are the second book of revelation. God's works are called general revelation.
 - Two realities we must face up to:
 - We have removed ourselves and our children from nature (safety concerns, screen time, etc).
 - We have lost touch with one of God's books, and we must repent and restore contact with God's creation.
 - **This is an issue with our discovery of nature.**
 - We have failed to care for God's creation (this took some of us unawares, but we know more now that we did in previous generations).
 - God loves his creation, He declared it good, He cares for it (Psalm 104), and He wants us to care for it.
 - Worse, we continue to destroy it; we must repent and make it part of our worship to care for the creation God loves.
 - **This is a matter of discipleship, caring for creation.**