

## AN INVITATION TO LOVE GOD OUTDOORS

### *Your Spiritual Temperament and Moving Toward God, Part 1*

#### Romans 1:20a

*“From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature.”*

Romans 1:20a (NLT)

### LEARNING FROM BIBLICAL “NATURALISTS”:

#### 1. SEEK THE **CREATOR** BEHIND THE **CREATION**

*“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.”*

Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

*“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.”* Matthew 6:28-29 (NKJ/NLT)

*“You can detect [false prophets] by the way they act, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit. You don’t pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles. A healthy tree produces good fruit, and an unhealthy tree produces bad fruit.”*

Matthew 7:16-17 (NLT)

##### A. Picture **spiritual truths**

*“The fruit of the Spirit is....”* Galatians 5:22 (NAS)

*“So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send out more workers for his fields.”* Matthew 9:38 (NLT)

##### B. **See God** more clearly

*“The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship.”* Psalm 19:1 (NLT)

#### C. Learn from nature **to rest**

*“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.”* Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJ)

*“[Jesus] said to them, ‘Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’”* Mark 6:31 (NIV)

#### 2. TAKE STEPS TO **PERCEIVE GOD** AT WORK

*“For the Lord is the one who shaped the mountains, stirs up the winds, and reveals his every thought. He turns the light of dawn into darkness and treads the mountains under his feet. The Lord God Almighty is his name!”* Amos 4:13 (NLT)

##### A. Consider the **greatness** of creation

##### B. Look at the **multitude** of creation

##### C. Examine the **beauty** of creation

##### D. Ponder the **abundance** of creation

#### 3. AVOID THE **TEMPTATIONS** OF THE NATURALIST

*“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it ....”* Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

#### 4. GIVE **THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS CREATION**

*Praise the Lord! I will thank the Lord with all my heart as I meet with his godly people. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.”* Psalm 111:1-2 (NLT/NIV)