

7 The hand of God - God in our lives

God at work

Think of ways in which God influences events in the earth and, potentially, in our lives



Awareness

For each of the examples you have thought of above, how can we be aware of this influence?

Do you think that you, and people in general, are as aware as they should be that God may be at work in unseen ways? If not, how we can become more aware? Again, think of each of the examples you have been considering.

How to be sure?

Can it happen that people wrongly imagine the hand of God in their lives? How can we be sure that we are not fooling ourselves?

The battle between flesh and spirit



Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, and notice that it is talking about two natures: our human nature - the way we think and act - and God's nature - the way he thinks and acts. Try to summarise this passage in your own words. Ephesians 3:17 may help.

Now read Romans 8:5-13, and again, try to summarise what it is saying and what impact it has on how we should live our lives.

Seeing the invisible

Look at Hebrews 11:1. Make a note below of the two definitions of faith, then discuss what they mean and write an explanation in your own words.

| Faith is | What does this mean? |
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Now look through the chapter (verses 1-27) and try to pick out as many examples as you can of people whose lives were changed by the fact that they saw, or were convinced of, things of which people at large were unaware.

So what?

Can you identify real lessons you have learned, which you could take away and try to put into practice?

