# Lesson 12: How God Makes Himself Known

## Memory work

### 65. Q. Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all His benefits, where does this faith come from?

*A. From the Holy Spirit,*

*who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel,*

*and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.*

### Q. How does God make Himself known to us?

*A. By two means.*

*Firstly by general revelation,*

*which is His works of creation and providence telling all people of His greatness and goodness.*

*Secondly by special revelation,*

*which is His Word directed to specific people.*

### Q. Is general revelation sufficient to know God?

*A. Yes.*

*However, fallen, sinful man is incapable of understanding it.*

*Thus it is no longer sufficient to teach people about God.*

## Homework

Read article 2 of the Belgic Confession.

1.(1) What image/picture is used for creation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.(1) What are the creatures in this? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.(1) Does God’s Word tell us everything there is to know about God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4.(2) God’s Word tells us what we need to know in this life for which two things?

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Using the internet (e.g. Wikipedia), answer the following questions:

5.(1) What is a *theophany*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6.(3) Name 3 theophanies in the Bible. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7.(1) What is a *Christophany*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_