

God Is Revealed  
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Turn in your Bibles to Psalm 19

Have you ever been standing next to someone gazing at something and heard them say: “You can’t look at that and NOT believe there’s a God!”? Maybe you’ve said it yourself.

- What are some examples of something you might be looking at when that line is said?
  - Scenes of nature
    - Any favorite places you’ve been and had that feeling about God’s creation?
  - Any other examples of God’s creation when you’ve been in AWE of our Creator God?
    - A new born baby
  
- Psalm 19 is believed to have been written by King David.
- It is both POEM and WISDOM LITERATURE...a WISDOM POEM.
- The language is BEAUTIFUL and DESCRIPTIVE.

In this Psalm David reminds us:

- How we can See God’s GLORY
- How we should SEARCH God’s Word
- And, we should SEEK God’s APPROVAL

Let’s read verses 1-6 of Psalm 19

**Psalm 19 (New International Version)**

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**For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard. <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Their voice <sup>[b]</sup> goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

<sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is hidden from its heat.

- “A picture is worth a thousand words!” -- We’ve heard it all our lives.
- David says that CREATION is a “BOOK WITHOUT WORDS” that CONTINUOUSLY reminds us of GOD’S GLORY.
- Look at verse 3. What is David saying when he says: “<sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard”?
  - Look at Romans Chapter 1:18-20

18The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

- What does Paul mean that “men are without excuse?”
- A theological term: GENERAL REVELATION. *The revelation of God that is available to all man, not expressed in words (non-propositional) or specific actions, but in creation, conscience, and history.*

*John Piper said, “The universe and everything in it is God’s work of art...God acted. God planned. God designed. God crafted. He created and made. And in doing that, Paul says in verse 19, God made himself evident to all mankind. The universe is a poem about God.*

*Warren Wiersbe said, “Creation is a ‘wordless book’ that everybody can read because it needs no translation.”*

- God has revealed Himself to us in NATURE
- Look at the last sentence in verse 4 and all of verses 5 & 6
- What part of creation does David use as an illustration?
  - The SUN
  - How is the SUN UNIQUE among God’s creations?
    - Look at the last sentence of verse 6
    - Nothing escapes it’s “heat” and “light”
  - David also makes an important point about God as creator when he talks about THE SUN...
    - How did PAGAN civilizations feel about the SUN?
      - They WORSHIPED it as a God.
    - David makes it clear that GOD MADE THE SUN and He is God over ALL CREATION!

The first six verses of Psalm 19 make it clear...THE AWESOME MAJESTY of CREATION is ONLY A REFLECTION OF THE MORE AWESOME CREATOR!

- God is REVEALED IN CREATION. But it's not just about REVELATION that there is a God. It's about HOW TO OBEY HIM.
- We need some specifics and they come from GOD'S WORD.

Look at verses 7 – 11 of Psalm 19

- In these four verses David uses several descriptions of God's Word to help us understand how VALUABLE it is to us:

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul.

Ever have a dreary start to your day and force yourself to have a quiet time and by the time you finish reading a portion of God's Word you feel REFRESHED and REVIVED?

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.

We can TRUST God's Word to give us the WISDOM we need in every area of life.

<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.

Did you ever come through a tough decision and you just KNOW you did the RIGHT THING and you feel a sense of JOY?

The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.

- The NIV uses the word "radiant" (in others it's "pure").
- What do we think of when we think of the word "radiant"? Radiating of rays of light.
- When we think of God's Word giving "light to the eyes" what verse comes to mind?

Psalm 119:105 - 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

- God's Word brings us LIGHT to see our PATH IN A DARK WORLD

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever.

- Fear can be a good thing and fear can be a bad thing.
- It can keep us away from danger or it can paralyze us from doing anything.
- What does the Bible say about the “fear of man”?

Proverbs 29:25 (New International Version)

25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

- That’s the point: fear of the Lord is PURE...it will keep us SAFE.
- How do we know we will be safe...look at the next line in verse 9:

The ordinances of the LORD are sure  
and altogether righteous.

- Now David begins to remind us how much we should DESIRE God’s Word

<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

- Ever hear of “gold fever”? What does it mean?
  - Originated in the “gold rush” of the 1840s-50s
  - The greed and excitement created by the word that there was “gold in them thar hills!”
  - David’s words would encourage us to have the same kind of EXCITEMENT and DESIRE for God’s Word as VALUABLE AS GOLD
- Then David compares the SWEETNESS of God’s Word to “honey” straight from the honey comb.
  - Many of us sometimes get a “sweet tooth” and CRAVE sweets.
  - We should consider God’s Word so sweet that we CRAVE it!
- Here’s a question about RULES and LAWS:
- Why do some people consider rules; laws; regulations as NEGATIVE?
  - That they “cramp your style!”
- How do RULES; LAWS; REGULATIONS BENEFIT us?
  - Look at verse 11

<sup>11</sup> By them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

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| David wants us to remember that there is an ETERNAL PAYOFF for KEEPING GOD’S LAWS |
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- So far we've learned:
  - Nature reveals the existence of God
  - The Scriptures reveal how to experience a relationship with God
  - Obedience to the Scriptures transforms the entire person and results in blessings
  - Look at verse 12:

<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors?  
 Forgive my hidden faults.

- In “layman’s terms”, how would you define an ERROR?
  - You MESSED UP but you DIDN’T MEAN TO!
  - Example: Guys – After you get dressed does your wife ever check you over to make sure you look okay before you walk out the door? Or say, “Hey, you’ve got a little bit of spinach in your teeth right there.”
- David asks God to forgive his “hidden faults”. Even though they may be HIDDEN or NOT DONE ON PURPOSE...they are still FAULTS and David wanted to be CLEAN.
- We’ve heard of SINS OF OMISSION and SINS OF COMMISSION
- Then there are those SINS WE DO ON PURPOSE...look at verse 13, David says:

<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
 may they not rule over me.  
 Then will I be blameless,  
 innocent of great transgression.

We should ask God to use His Word to reveal both our sins of OMISSION and COMMISSION to us so we can repent and be clean!

- The last verse of Psalm 19 is very familiar to all of us:

<sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
 be pleasing in your sight,  
 O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

- The last verse of Psalm 19 is very familiar
- When have you sometimes heard someone quote this very (maybe in a prayer)?
  - Right before they teach or preach
  - Me too! In fact, I’ve prayed it myself right before teaching.
- But this week as I prepared for this lesson I began to look at this verse in a very new way...Here’s what I mean:
- What’s a “thought bubble”?
  - A way of showing what a cartoon character is thinking in a comic strip
- What if we went around every day with “though bubbles” over our heads showing exactly what we were thinking to everyone in sight?

- What if we went around every day with a “hidden mic” recording everything we say, wherever we are and plays them for all our family and friends?
- Aren’t we grateful that there are no “thought bubbles” and “hidden mics”
- But...God doesn’t need “thought bubbles” or “hidden mics”...He hears EVERY THOUGHT and EVERY WORD.
- There’s another thing about “words”...there are “IDLE WORDS.”

Matthew 12:34-37 (New International Version) (Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees...He had just called them a “brood of vipers”

Matthew 12:34-37 (New International Version)

34You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. 36But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. 37For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

- IDLE WORDS?

The Life Application Commentary puts it this way:  
**12:36-37** These verses are found only in Matthew. Jesus explained that words matter—each person will **give an account on judgment day of every idle word** he speaks. The word “idle” refers not to mindless small talk or carefree jokes, but to broken promises, unkept commitments, and unpaid vows. Such words are better indicators of a person’s true character than his or her carefully planned and prepared statements and speeches. No **word** is insignificant to God because **every** spoken **word** reveals what is in the heart. Words will be a basis for judgment: **The words you say now reflect your fate then.**

- Though God keeps a record of every word...HERE’S THE GOOD NEWS FOR BELIEVERS IN CHRIST:
- For BELIEVERS IN CHRIST...When we ask forgiveness God puts SINFUL thoughts and words AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST.
- Verse 14 isn’t just a prayer we pray when we get up to teach or read scripture.
- What does that term “ACCEPTABLE” in God’s sight remind you of?...Think OLD TESTAMENT...think BULLS; GOATS; LAMBS.
  - Sacrifice...an OFFERING

- What if we had a printout of every thought we had and every word we said all day and had to take them down to the altar and offer them to God as an offering?
- The only way our thoughts and words can be **ACCEPTABLE** is if we **MEDITATE DAILY** on God's Word

The Apostle Paul reminded us in...

Romans 12:1-2 (New International Version)

1Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual[a] act of worship. 2Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

So, what's the **TAKEAWAY** from Psalm 19?

- If we want to be reminded of how **AWESOME GOD IS...** just take a walk through nature; or look at a new born baby; or think about the miracle of the human body!
- If we want to know **HOW TO REALIZE GOD'S BLESSINGS** we have to **OBEY His Word**.
- And when we see how **AWESOME GOD IS** we must come in **SUBMISSION** to and present every thought and every word as an **OFFERING** to **HIM!**