

## THE REVELATION OF GOD

### Psalm 19

#### I. GOD REVEALED IN CREATION AND NATURE:

(vs. 1-6)

In these first few verses, **David** proclaims that the **heavens** declare the **glory** and *splendor* of **God's creation**. **Verse 1 boldly states** that the *majesty* of *creation* is *evidence* of the even *more majestic* **Creator-God**.

**The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands (vs. 1)...**

The *heavens* continually...*day after day...night after night* ...display the fact that *there is a Creator*.

**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their utterances to the end of the world. (vs. 2-4a)...**

Even though *creation* doesn't speak *audibly* in words (non-verbal)...its *message* goes out to the ends of the earth through *revelation*. The *message* from *nature* about the *glory of God* reaches *all nations* and is *equally intelligible* or is able to be *comprehended* by all.

***“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”***

~Romans 1:18-20

***“We...preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.”***

~Acts 14:15

**In them He has placed a tent for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; it rejoices as a strong man to run his course (vs. 4b-5)...**Just as bright as the sun is in the *heavens*...it's like the *radiance* of a *bridegroom* who *anxiously waits* for *his bride* to *walk down the aisle* to be his *wife*.

**Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its circuit to the other end of them; and there is nothing hidden from its heat (vs. 6)...**even a blind man can feel the heat of the sun.

#### II. GOD REVEALED THROUGH HIS WORD: (vs. 7-11)

In verses 7-9 **David** describes the *efficient nature* of the *Word of God*. It emphasizes that the **Law** is the *central element* in God's *specific revelation* in the Old Testament.

**Six-fold description of God's inspired revelation: (vs. 7-9)**

- **The law of the Lord...is perfect, restoring the soul (vs. 7a).** His revealed will. The **law** specifically refers to the **10 Commandments** but it's also *synonymous* with the O.T. Word. It's saying that the Word is *flawless* and *effective* in *revealing* to us our *sin* and the *need* for a Savior.

***“The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.”***

~Psalm 12:6

- **The testimony of the Lord...is sure, making wise the simple (vs. 7b).** His *revealed truth*. Taking those who are *impressionable* and *easily led* towards *foolishness* and *folly* and granting them *wisdom*.

*“Sanctify them in truth; Your word is truth.”*

~John 17:17

- **The precepts of the Lord...are right (vs. 8a)** The word *teaches, reveals truth, gives principles and guidelines, and instructs*. It brings *joy* to the heart.

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.”*

~II Timothy 3:16

- **The commandment of the Lord...is pure (vs. 8b).** *Authoritative* words. Gives *guidance* and brings *order*.
- **The fear of the Lord...is clean, enduring forever (vs. 9a).** *Respectful, humble trust* that God’s words foster in His people. Fear is synonymous with *awe*. To fear God is to stand in *awe* of Him.

*“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.”*

~Psalm 33:8

*“Praise the Lord! How blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.”*

~Psalm 112:1

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*

~Proverbs 9:10

- **The judgments of the Lord...are true (vs. 9b).** They are *righteous* altogether. They *reveal decisions* relating to human situations.

*“Righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your judgments.”*

~Psalm 119:137

**They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb (vs. 10)...**

Here, **David** disclosed his *personal response* to God’s *perfect Law*. He found the *statues desirable* and *priceless*. He extolled their *value* to him. They weren’t *bitter* or *burdensome*. They were *sweeter* than anything...even honey.

**Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward (vs.11)...**

For **David**, keeping God’s *statues*, which warned him of the dangers of *foolishness* and *sin*, brought **great reward**.

### **III. GOD REVEALED THROUGH REDEMPTION: (vs. 12-14)**

The result of **David** *contemplating* on the **Law** led him to *pray* for *complete cleansing* so that he could live an *upright, blameless, and acceptable life* before God...his **rock** and **Redeemer**.

*“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold...The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of my salvation.”*

~Psalm 18:2, 46

**Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. (vs. 12)...**refers to *sins of ignorance*. *Blinded* to our on *faults* and *sins*. (That’s why there was the **Sin Offering Leviticus 4:2-3**). For sins committed in *ignorance*, the **Law** provided *atonement*.

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.”*

~Psalm 139:23-24

Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not rule over me; then I will be blameless, and I shall be acquitted of great transgression (**vs.13**)...refers to *deliberate violations*. (**I Corinthians 10:13**). Our *acquittal* for *willful sin* only comes through *repentance* and *forgiveness* (**Psalm 51**).

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer. (**vs.14**)...

#### LESSONS WE CAN LEARN:

- When everyone stands before God on judgment day, Scripture says that we will be **WITHOUT EXCUSE** (**Romans 1:20**).
- God’s judgment is always **RIGHTEOUS** (**Psalm 19:9**).  
*“And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.”*  
~Psalm 9:8
- God has always been...and will always be...faithful to provide **REDEMPTION**.  
*“He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name.”*  
~Psalm 111:9  
*“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace”*  
~Ephesians 1:7