

# Psalms 19

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Grace -- the wisdom of God

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The heavens speak of the glory of God, the sky as far as the eye can see, and the space full of the sun, moon and stars; How great and beautiful God is. The starry sky created by God seems to proclaim God's eternal power and divinity to people.

"The firmament declares His means," and God's power is limitless. God reveals Himself to people through the universe He has created, and it is a revelation that is available to everyone at any time and place. The vastness of the universe is like an unfolding book, which everyone can study and examine. When people see God's "heavens" and "firmaments," they cannot but acknowledge that there is a Creator in the universe. and to make our people aware of their own smallness, and that He is the Great Creator.

Psalms 19 contains two prominent themes: (1) verses 1~6 full of rhythm, expressing the universality of God's revelation in all things; (2) Verses 7~11, which describe the nature of the law, and verses 12~14, which record the worshipers' response to the law, express the authority and purity of God's written Word.

God's Creation 1-6

The mood of these 6 verses is so beautiful that people can't help but revel in it. The verses are not only beautiful, but also profound. Is there a voice or no sound in the scriptures that say, "There is no speech,

and there is no sound to hear," and then it says, "Words are spoken from this day to that day"? Is there a word or a no word? The scriptures speak of the glory of God and the works of the hand of God, all of which are the work of God, and that God reveals His glory and works in the earth, full of knowledge and words, "From day to day forth the word; From night to night there will be knowledge." Word and knowledge are revealed in God's mighty creation. There are words and knowledge, but they cannot hear. "The measure of God is in all the earth, and his word is spread to the ends of the earth." The power of God spread to the heavens and to the ends of the earth. No one could control the sun, but God had set up a tent for the sun under heaven, and saw the glory of God in the whole means, as if there was a voice, and the word of God was heard to the ends of the earth, but he did not hear it, but he saw one thing, and the sun was in the tabernacle, like a bridegroom out of a cave, and like a mighty man who runs away with joy. Coming out from this side of the heavens, going around the heavens, there is nothing that cannot hide his heat." We feel its heat and benefit from it, but we can't hear it. There is knowledge, but there is no hearing; There is feeling, but not hearing; You can see how it works, you know that God has set it up, God has created it, God controls it, but you can't hear the sound. This is what we feel in nature, in heaven and earth, in which man and everything are beneath, and we all see the glory of God coming from all this, but we cannot hear it.

The point of Psalm 19 is that more important than all general revelation is the glory of God revealed through God's Word, which can change people's hearts. God reveals his glory more fully through his Word "a truth that is unprevaricable, authoritative, and used to solve the problems of the heart, because it is resisted and rejected."

Verse 10 is a parable of God's Word, which is more enviable than a great amount of pure gold. Sweeter than honey, and sweeter than the honey dripping from the hive. I'm sure we're all aware of this. God's law can awaken us from sin and sin again. Let us have heavenly wisdom to deal with all the difficult things in life; His Word is upright and lets us know that it is God's redress. God's commandments can open our eyes so that we can walk in a way that pleases the Lord. God's Word is blameless, and His promises will never fail, now and forever. And God is righteous, and His Word is truth.

Verses 11-14 are David points out that apart from the Bible, people not only misunderstand the general revelation of the universe, but also give wrong interpretations of their own spiritual problems. In addition to the Bible, David asks, "Who knows what he has missed? This rhetorical question leads to a powerful answer: no one can! David prayed, "Forgive me my hidden sins." Hinder your servant from the sin of willfulness, and let it not reign against me. "Hidden faults" are unknown sins that people commit in their hearts, "arbitrary sins," sins that they involuntarily commit with full awareness of their sinful nature.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

By your creation, the heavens are still speaking of your glory; The firmament is still preaching your means and proclaiming your salvation. Pray that the Lord will help us to control our tongues so that they do not speak evil words and our lips do not speak deceitful words. Build us up, so that our hearts may be awakened, so that we may have heavenly wisdom, and our eyes may be bright. Let us all walk in the

likeness of Christ and give that beautiful testimony to Him on earth! If we have hidden sins, pray that the Lord will let us know. Ask the Lord to show you your weakness and forgive us. Pray that our hearts will be filled with the Word of the Lord. May the words of our mouths be from the Lord and may comfort and exhortation edify.

In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen!

Psalm 19

King James Version

**19** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

<sup>2</sup> Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

<sup>6</sup> His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 19 is a beautiful and profound poem attributed to David, reflecting on God's revelation through nature and Scripture. It can be divided into three main sections:

### 1. **The Revelation of God in Creation (Verses 1-6):**

- This section celebrates how the heavens and the skies declare God's glory. The natural world speaks of His handiwork without words, showing that God's existence and majesty are evident to all.
- Important verse: **Verse 1** - "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

### 2. **The Perfection of God's Law (Verses 7-11):**

- Here, David shifts focus to the Torah (the Law) and its attributes. He describes the law as perfect, reviving the soul, and bringing joy and enlightenment. The law is portrayed as more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.
- Important verse: **Verse 7** - "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple."

### 3. **A Prayer for Cleansing and Acceptance (Verses 12-14):**

- In the final section, David reflects on human shortcomings and asks for forgiveness and protection from hidden faults. He desires that his words and thoughts be pleasing to God.
- Important verse: **Verse 14** - "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."

#### **Key Themes:**

- **God's Glory in Nature:** The psalm emphasizes that creation itself points to God's power and majesty.
- **Value of Scripture:** It underscores the importance of God's Word for moral and spiritual guidance.
- **Human Humility:** Acknowledges the need for God's grace and the desire for purity in thoughts and actions.

Psalm 19 is often cited in discussions of natural theology and the authority of Scripture, illustrating the harmonious relationship between God's creation and His revealed word.

Psalm 19 has significant theological and spiritual implications, impacting both individual believers and the broader Christian tradition. Here are some key aspects of its influence:

#### **Theological Thought**

##### 1. **General Revelation:**

- The psalm articulates the concept of general revelation, suggesting that God reveals Himself through creation. This idea supports the notion that all people can perceive God's existence and attributes through nature, as seen in **Romans 1:20**.

## 2. **Special Revelation:**

- In contrast to general revelation, the psalm emphasizes the importance of special revelation found in Scripture. It highlights the transformative power of God's law, presenting it as a guide for ethical living and spiritual growth.

## 3. **The Nature of God:**

- The psalm reflects attributes of God—His glory, perfection, and righteousness. This understanding encourages believers to recognize God's sovereignty and majesty in both the created world and His written word.

## 4. **Human Response:**

- The psalmist's acknowledgment of human shortcomings highlights the need for repentance and divine grace. It encourages humility and self-examination, emphasizing that true wisdom comes from recognizing our need for God's guidance.

## **Spiritual Influence**

### 1. **Worship and Praise:**

- Psalm 19 serves as a model for worship, encouraging believers to praise God for His creation and His law. It invites a sense of awe and reverence, fostering a deeper relationship with the Creator.

### 2. **Moral and Ethical Living:**

- The psalm emphasizes the practical implications of God's law for daily living. By presenting Scripture as perfect and trustworthy, it encourages believers to seek moral integrity and align their lives with God's commandments.

### 3. **Meditation and Reflection:**

- The closing verses encourage meditation on God's word and thoughts, promoting a contemplative approach to faith. This practice is vital for spiritual growth and understanding God's will.

### 4. **Community and Dialogue:**

- The themes of Psalm 19 resonate within community worship and discussions about faith, fostering dialogue about God's revelation in nature and Scripture among believers.

## **Conclusion**

Overall, Psalm 19 serves as a powerful reminder of God's glory, the importance of His Word, and the need for a humble, responsive heart. Its theological insights and spiritual encouragement continue to inspire and shape the beliefs and practices of many within the Christian faith.

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