

Meditate & Memorize

August 2023: Psalm 19

The Works and the Word of God.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;

And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

² Day to day pours forth speech,

And night to night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;

Their voice is not heard.

⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth,

And their utterances to the end of the world.

In them He has placed a tent for the sun,

⁵ Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;

It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

⁶ 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.

⁷ The law of the Lord is [Ⓜ]perfect, restoring the soul;

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;

In keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can discern *his* errors? Acquit me of hidden *faults*.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be acceptable in Your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

Study Guide:

Before you begin, still yourself before the Lord and pray that God would grant you eyes to see and a heart and mind ready to learn all that He wants to show and teach you. Then, take a few moments to read over the whole Psalm a couple of times before

you begin. Mark it up. Notice repeated words/phrases, mark warnings, promises, blessings and the like. Discover and note attributes of God, comparisons, contrasts, and commands. Prepare to be blessed as you spend time with God in His word, such time is never wasted. Enjoy!

Who is the author of this psalm?

As the summary suggests, this psalm focuses on the goodness of the works (verses 1-6) and word (verses 7-11) of God, ending with a prayer (verses 12-14).

Here in Psalm 19, read verses 1-6. And make a few notes:

What are the heavens doing? (v.1)

1-

2-

When do the heavens do this? (v. 2)

Is its message specific to one language? (v. 3)

Can heaven's message be silenced? (v. 3)

Where then is the message of the heavens seen and heard? (v. 3)

To what does the psalmist compare the sun? (v. 5)

1-

2-

What global influence does the sun have on the earth? (v. 6b)

For review, read Genesis chapter 1 regarding creation. Make note of what God made each day, how He made it and what His characterization was of each day's creation.

Day 1-

Day 2-

Day 3-

Day 4-

Day 5-

Day 6-

Unique: Day 7-

Now look in the New Testament to Romans 1.18-23 (this isn't the complete passage, but it's the most relevant part for our discussion here). Note Paul's assessment of the evidences of unbelief.

What is God's wrath against? (v. 18)

- 1-
- 2-

How are these two characterizations manifest by men? (v. 18)

What has God made evident? (v. 19-20)

- 1-
- 2-

How are these clearly seen? (v. 20b)

Given this clear evidence, what excuse does man have? (v. 20b)

Even though there is clear evidence of God which teaches about Who He is, what do men fail to do? (v. 21)

- 1-
- 2-

What are the consequences of this chosen unbelief, this determined denial of God? (v. 21b-23)

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-

(For further study, in verses 24, 26 and 28 Paul writes that "God gave them over" to three different judgements as a result of their rejection and rebellion against Him. They are worth noting, though not the focus of this particular study, they are relevant to the culture wars which are raging around us today.)

In the second half of this psalm, David turns to the word of God. Note benefits listed for each of the following in verses 7-9:

- Law-
- Testimony-
- Precepts-
- Commandments-
- Fear-
- Judgments-

The psalmist make two comparisons of the value and delight of the God's word in verse 10:

- 1-
- 2-

What benefits do God's servants receive from God's word in verse 11?

- 1-
- 2-

Finally in verses 12-14a, in light of God's works and word, the psalmist requests four things of the Lord:

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-

What personal dangers is the psalmist aware of in verse 12-13a?

- 1-
- 2-

What attributes of God are evidenced in these passages?

The last verse of this psalm makes for an excellent prayer:

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer."*