

Psalms: The Songs of the People of God

Psalm 19: God Has Spoken

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Introduction

God has spoken. This is a reality that changes everything: The Creator God has communicated with us. In Psalm 19 David focuses in on the blessed truth of God's revelation of Himself.

In the Psalm he describes two ways that God has spoken: God has spoken through creation and God has spoken through His Word. As we consider this truth there are a couple of natural questions: will we listen and how will we respond?

God Has Spoken: The Revelation of God in Creation (19:1-6)

- **What is God Revealing in the Sky? His own glory (19:1)** - The glory of God is a reference to His set-apartness. As we look at the sky and we see its' beauty and its' vastness and its' majesty it is meant to point us to the beauty and the vastness and the majesty of God.
- **When is God Revealing His Glory in the Sky? All the time (19:2)** - God is using the sky to shout the message of His glory, and it never stops. Every day and every night the sky is faithfully declaring the glory of God.
- **Where is God Revealing His Glory in the Sky? In every place (19:3-4a)** There is no place on earth where the sky is not proclaiming the glory of God. The message crosses every border and reaches every culture.
- **How is God Revealing His Glory in the Sky? Consider the sun (19:4b-6)** Through two metaphors David shows that the sun does its' job faithfully and joyfully day after day (19:4b-5). It is effective in every place (19:6)

Application:

- **Everyone is responsible for responding to God's revelation of Himself** Because God has revealed Himself in this way no one has the right to say, 'I didn't know there was a God.' God has revealed Himself to everyone in every place, we are without excuse (Romans 1:19-23).
- **As believers we have the responsibility of telling people about the God who is revealed in creation** - Through creation all people have the ability to know that a God exists, but we are called to tell them His name and of their need for salvation through Jesus (Romans 10:14-15).
- **Seeing the Glory of God in creation is a reminder that God is in control** - It's easy to look at our world and feel like it's spinning out of control. But when you see things on the ground level that break your heart, look up and be reminded that we are still in our Father's world - He is in control.

God Has Spoken: The Revelation of God in the Scriptures (19:7-11)

David uses six different words to describe the Scriptures and along with each one he provides a characteristic and a benefit of God's Word.

The Benefits God's Special Revelation (The Scriptures) (19:7-9)

- **The Word of God is perfect and refreshes our souls (7a)** - God doesn't misspeak; His Word is perfect and the perfect Word it can revive our souls. The Bible isn't intended to restrict us; it's meant to give us a renewed life.
- **The Word of God is trustworthy and gives us wisdom (makes us wise) (7b)** - The Word of God is certain and sure and has the ability to make us wise (Proverbs 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:25-27).
- **The Word of God is just and gives us joy (8a)** - The Word of God is right and when we live according to what is right, the result is joy. To live in sin will ultimately kill your joy, but to live by what is right will set you free.
- **The Word of God is pure and opens our eyes (8b)** - Because God's Word is free from error or impurity it can give us understanding and insight. It can open our eyes to see clearly (Psalm 119:105).
- **The Word of God is clean and will last forever (9a)** - Because it's free of impurity or anything that would corrupt or cause deterioration it will last forever (1 Peter 1:24-25; Matthew 24:35).
- **The Word of God is true and upholds justice (9b)** - If you want to know what justice looks like, if you want to live according to truth, we have the source: The Word of God.

The Unmatchable Value of God's Special Revelation (19:10-11)

- After considering the benefits of God's Word David praises its' worth and its' all-satisfying nature. It is more desirable than gold, it's more satisfying than honey and when we live by it we get great reward.

God Has Spoken: Responding to God's Revelation (19:12-14)

- **As we see the glory of God in creation and see Him more fully in His Word we should be driven to repentance of our sins.** - When we truly see God for who He is the only right and proper response is repentance. When we see His glory, majesty and holiness it should remind us of how weak, filthy and needy we are. David goes to God and asks for forgiveness of both known and unknown sins (Psalm 139:23-24).
- **As we see the glory of God in creation and see Him more fully in His Word we should be driven to a desire and commitment for holiness** - David isn't only concerned about avoiding sin, he desires holiness. He desires to be pleasing to God and he knows that God is the one who can answer his prayers.

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