

Theme: God has revealed Himself to us through creation and Scripture, and we are called to respond with humble confession, prayer, and faith.

I. Intro – The Glories of Psalm 19

- A. CS Lewis quote
- B. One of the first songs I learned as believer
- C. What is this beloved Psalm saying to us?
- D. The basic structure of the Psalm
 - 1. God's revelation in creation (vv1-6)
 - 2. God's revelation in His Word (vv7-10)
 - 3. Our response to God's revelation (vv11-14)

II. God's Revelation in Creation (vv1-6)

- A. This first section about revelation in creation (v1)
 - 1. v1 introduces topic
 - 2. Note parallelism in v1 – creation reveals God!
- B. Creation speaks – without words!
 - 1. 8 words/phrases about words in vv1-4
 - 2. Yet they speak without words (vv3-4 ESV)
 - 3. They speak universally (all earth/end of world)

- 4. Romans 1:19-20 – revelation is clear to all

C. Specific example of the sun (vv4c-6)

- 1. Sun like bridegroom from pavilion
- 2. Sun like a champion rejoicing in run
- 3. Key idea – nothing hidden from heat
- 4. General Revelation touches all (Rom 1:19-20)

III. God's Revelation in His Word (vv7-10)

- A. This section is about God's Word – Torah
 - 1. Notice Torah and synonyms (vv7-9)
 - 2. Note shift from אֱלֹהִים to יְהוָה (1 vs. 6 times)
 - 3. God's Personal, covenantal, special revelation
- B. Characteristics, effects, and worth of Torah
 - 1. Note characteristics and effects of Torah
 - 2. Worth - Torah better than gold, honey (v10)

IV. Our Response to God's Revelation

- A. God's Word gives warnings and promises (v11)
 - 1. God's Word gives warning & promises (v11)
 - 2. Like the sun, nothing hidden from it's heat & light

- 3. We must give heed to both – law and Gospel!
- 4. Law thunders warning and Gospel gives hope
- B. Our response – confession and prayer (vv12-13)
 - 1. Recognition of sin & its pervasiveness (v12)
 - 2. Law causes us to recognize our sin
 - 3. Law leads us to Gospel – cry for forgiveness
- C. Our Response – prayer and faith
 - 1. Prayer-deliverance from sins domination (v13)
 - 2. Faith – LORD is Rock and Redeemer
 - 3. Prayer – may my words be pleasing too!

V. Applying the Word

- A. Have we heard and understood God’s revelation?
 - 1. Have we heard God’s Word through creation?
 - 2. Do we pay attention to creation all around us?
 - 3. Have we heard God’s Word in Scripture?
 - 4. Do we avail ourselves of Scripture regularly?
 - 5. Is it sweeter than honey, worth more than gold?
- B. Have we responded to God’s revelation?

- 1. Do we heed all Scripture – promises and warnings?
- 2. Have we responded with confession & repentance?
- 3. Do we know God is our Rock and Redeemer?
- 4. Have we asked God to keep us from sin?
- 5. Are we asking God to clean us inside?
- 6. Do we want to be “weapons of righteousness?”
- C. Are we confident in God’s revelation?
 - 1. Do we see our loved ones can’t escape from it?
 - 2. Do we pray & believe revelation is powerful?

God's Revelation - And Our Response

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“I take this to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world.” CS Lewis, Reflections on the Psalms (quoted in Craigie, Psalms, WBC, page 183)

3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
Psalm 19:3-4 ESV
(also see NIV margin)

19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For 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.
Romans 1:19-20