

PSALM 19

1. The heavens declare (relate, tell) the glory of God, the skies proclaim (“is proclaiming/declaring/telling”) the work of His hands.

- a. Day after day they pour forth speech (Rom 1:18-20), night after night they display knowledge.
- b. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard (“They have no speech, there are no words, no sound is heard from them.”). Although silent, their voice thunders (Ps 89:37).
 - Their voice (“line”) goes out into all the earth, their words to the end of the world.
 - Their words (“speech”) to the ends (“extremities”) of the world.
- c. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion (“strong/brave man”) rejoicing to run his course.
 - It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;
 - nothing is hidden from its heat.

God’s existence and glory is revealed in creation.

2. The law (“torah”) of the Lord is perfect (“complete, healthy”) , reviving the soul.

- a. The statutes (“revelations, precepts”) of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple (“foolish, easily persuaded or enticed”). *It saves us from us!*
- b. The precepts (“commandments”) of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart (“inner man”). *See Lk 6:45, Lk 12:34 - Do you delight in His word?*
- c. The commands of the Lord are radiant (“pure”), giving light to the eyes.
- d. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever (Matt 5:17-20).
- e. The ordinances of the Lord are sure (“true, firm, faithful”) and altogether righteous.
- f. They are more precious (“desirable”) than gold, than much pure (“refined”) gold, they are sweeter than honey from the comb (“honey dripping from the comb”). I.e., *it is good stuff!*
 - (Moreover/further) by (“keeping/observing”) them is Your servant warned (“admonished/taught”);
 - in keeping (“keep/observe/guard”) them there is great reward.

God’s character is revealed through His word. This passage doesn’t merely describe the law of God, it does much more! The law is trustworthy, right, pure, enduring eternally, firm, precious and sweet because He is. God is revealed through His word. Do you want to know Him? Get your “B” vitamins!

3. Who can discern his errors? Forgive me my hidden faults. It is hard to judge our own motives - give me enough time and I can offer up a “spiritual” sounding reason for anything that I want to do or justify (Jer 17:9-10). That is why the law of God is so precious - it, and not my own (very) flexible conscience is the standard. There is no relativism with God; no self serving rationalizations can stand in the light of His word.

- a. Keep (“restrain, keep in check”) your servant from willful (“arrogant, proud, presumptuous”) sins; (“*God, please save me from usurping your place!*”) may they not rule over me.
- b. Then I will be blameless (“complete, finished”), innocent (“purged, pure”) of great transgression.
- c. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Knowing Him (through His means of revelation) changes us! But mere knowledge does little - Jas 1:22-25. One can love the word in a manner divorced from its Author. That is just another type of idolatry (Jn 5:39-40)!

