

**March 15, 2026**

## **Psalm 19**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts 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 forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Scriptures for further study:

Romans 1:19-20

1 Peter 1:23

Romans 10:17

“The heavens exist to make the greatness of God unmistakable.”

-John Piper

“The world is a kind of theatre in which we behold the glory of God displayed before our eyes.”

-John Calvin

“Nature proclaims the majesty of God, but it does not explain His redemptive purpose.”

-Geerhardus Vos



## The Glory of God's Revelation Psalm 19

**BIG IDEA:** While creation declares God's glory, only Scripture is sufficient to shape our faith, expose our hearts, and transform our lives.

Or to say it more simply - Creation shows us God's glory, but Scripture shows us God's way.

### OUTLINE

1. The Glory of God in Creation (vss. 1-6)
2. The Perfection and Necessity of God in His Word (vss. 7-10)
3. The Sanctification of the Believer Through God's Word (vss. 11-14)

## DISCIPLESHIP DURING THE WEEK

These “Sermon Discussion Questions” are designed for study during the week for believers in a wide variety of ages & stages in their walk with Christ.

1. What aspects of God’s creation stir your heart?
2. Refer to verses 1-6. Share a personal experience where you’ve seen or felt God’s glory proclaimed through nature (a sunrise, stars, etc.)—how did it impact you, and in what ways did it leave you wanting or needing more revelation from God?
3. Psalm 19:7–9 describes God’s Word as perfect (reviving the soul), sure (making wise the simple), right (rejoicing the heart), pure (enlightening the eyes), clean (enduring forever), and true/righteous altogether. Looking at these New Testament passages —1 Peter 1:23 and Romans 10:17—how does Scripture uniquely accomplish what creation cannot: giving spiritual life, true wisdom, joy, enlightenment, and enduring faith?
4. The psalm closes with a beautiful prayer in verse 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.” The text reminds us that our words and actions flow from our hearts. How can treasuring and obeying God’s Word daily help align our inner thoughts and outward speech with what pleases God? What practical step could you take this week to let Scripture shape your “meditation of the heart”?
5. How does viewing Psalm 19 through the lens of Jesus change your understanding of the psalm? In what ways does Christ fulfill what creation declares, what Scripture provides, and what David prays for in verse 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?”)

“Creation is eloquent, but it is silent about salvation.”

-Charles Spurgeon

“David confesses that men are so blinded by self-love that they cannot perceive their own faults unless God enlighten them. He shows that even after being illuminated by the law, believers still stand in need of God’s restraining grace, lest they fall into bold rebellion.”

-John Calvin

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In singing this psalm, God's people celebrate his law as his supreme revelation of himself. The psalm recounts the way the creation speaks of its Maker (vv. 1–6), and the way the Mosaic law addresses the soul (vv. 7–11). This calls for a humble response (vv. 12–14).

- ESV Student Study Bible

***Praise to Jesus*** – We praise you, Lord, for disclosing enough about yourself through creation that all have an obligation to turn toward you for salvation. God, you have revealed yourself through natural revelation, and since the fall, you have revealed yourself more perfectly through the special revelation of your inspired Word. Your word “revives our soul”; your “testimony” is sure and makes us wise; your words refresh us; their “precepts” rejoice our hearts; they are “clean,” “enduring,” “true,” “righteous,” and more desirable than gold or honey, because they reveal the ultimate perfection of your Son, Jesus.

***Repent through Jesus*** – Father, we confess that we have not faithfully adhered to your Word. We do not naturally repent or obey. Instead of turning to you who graciously reveals himself through creation, we suppress the truth. Rather than heed warnings written on our hearts, we rebel against the Lord through “hidden faults” if not by “presumptuous sins” and “great transgression”. It is impossible for us to be “blameless,” “innocent,” and “acceptable” but through Christ. Please forgive us and lead us to repentance.

***Consecration for Jesus*** – Church, while creation declares God's glory, only Scripture is sufficient to shape our faith, expose our hearts, and transform our lives. May creation continue to show us God's glory as the Word continues to show us God's way!

## FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN

These questions are written to aid parents in leading family devotions with their children.

1. What does the word reveal mean? (Reveal means making something known to others. Let your children know that this Psalm is about God making Himself known to us in His creation and His Word.)
2. In verses 1-6, in what ways does God reveal Himself in creation? (In verse 2, we read that God's revelation is "Day to day" or continuous. We also learn from verse 2 that God's revelation "pours out", which shows the abundant nature of His revelation in creation. In verse 4, we read that God reveals Himself "through all the earth" and "to the end of the earth.")
3. Take time this week to go for a walk outside and ask your children what they learn about God from creation.
4. In verses 7-10, how does God reveal Himself to us? How is this type of revelation described in these verses? (God reveals Himself to us in His Word. In this psalm, he uses these terms: "law," "precepts," and "commandment". David is talking about more than the law of Moses, such as the 10 Commandments. He is referring to the whole Old Testament. And for us living after Jesus came to earth, we can apply this revelation to the New Testament too. David tells us that God's Word revives us, makes us wise, and makes us joyful. We also learn that God's Word should be more valuable to us than "fine gold" and sweeter to us than "honey and drippings of the honeycomb.")
5. In verses 11-14, David describes how God has revealed Himself to him. What are some of the ways that he mentions? (He said in verse 11 that he has been "warned". In verse 12, he asks God to help him find out his errors and asks God to "declare me innocent". In verse 13, he prays that God help him not to be ruled by his sins, but instead to be forgiven and "blameless." This can only occur when we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.)

Scriptures for further study:

Romans 1:20

Psalm 119:72,103

2 Timothy 3:14-17

## FOR STUDENTS

Scriptures for further study:

Romans 1:19-20

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Romans 10:17-18

1. How would you get to know somebody if they didn't tell you about themselves?
2. How does God reveal Himself according to verses 1-6? What are the ways that David described this revelation? How have you experienced this revelation?
3. How does God reveal Himself according to verses 7-10? What are the ways that David described this revelation? How have you experienced this revelation?
4. How is God's Word more valuable than "fine gold" or "sweeter than honey?"
5. What are the differences between God's revelation from verses 1-6 and verses 7-10?
6. In verses 11-14, David talks about his experience with God's revelation. What are the ways that he describes his experience with the revelation of God?

## FOR NON-BELIEVERS OR NEW BELIEVERS

1. David the Psalmist starts off by reflecting on the glory of God as evidenced by the grandeur of God's creation.

Question: David is especially focused on the "heavens" (e.g. the skies, the sun, the heavenly bodies). What about you? What aspect or features of God's creation are most impactful to you? Can you recall some places you have visited that have been truly awe-inspiring to you and clearly demonstrate the majesty of God?

2. Take some time to read Romans 1:18-23ff

Here, Paul says that God has clearly made himself known in creation. While this should cause people to worship and glorify God, read what Paul says as to why we do not.

3. Many of the early church fathers spoke of God as having written two books: the book of nature and the book of Scripture. Notice how Psalm 19 refers to both types of books: the book of nature in verses 1-6, and the book of Scripture in verses 7-11.

Question: What do you think is the relationship between these two books? Why do we need to read both? Which book is the most important?

(Answer: the book of Scripture, because only in Scripture does God specially reveal himself in a way that allows us to know who he is personally and also know how he has saved us in Jesus Christ.)

4. Reflect on verses 7-11.

- A. Take a moment to consider all the synonyms used to describe the Bible.
- B. Take a moment to consider all the adjectives used to describe the Bible.
- C. Take a moment to consider all the good effects of the Bible on our lives.

5. If you are a seeker or new believer, we urge you to devote yourself to reading God's word, especially in the context of a church community. Faith comes from hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17), and faith also grows from being nourished and strengthened by the word of God (Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

# The Blessed Life: A Study of the Psalms



*"The Light of the World" (1851-1853) by William Holman Hunt*

## **Psalms Introduction**

The Book of Psalms is the sacred place where the living God meets His people in the most intimate and personal of ways. He invites them to know Him not merely as an idea, but as their refuge, portion, shepherd, and King. From the opening doorway of blessedness in Psalm 1 to the climactic Hallelujahs of Psalm 150, the Psalter reveals that the truly happy life is one rooted in the person and work of Almighty God, whose steadfast love holds His people through every season of the soul. As the Psalter moves from anguish to adoration, from darkness to dawn, it becomes a mirror of the Christian life itself. It teaches us to pray honestly, to hope stubbornly, and to sing faithfully, even when night seems long. In the deepest valleys, the Psalms give voice to the church's groan; on the highest heights, they train the church's doxology. And in every line, every cry, and every hallelujah, Christ Himself comes near, revealing the light of the world in the dark night of the soul and leading His people into the blessedness that only His grace can give.

– Pastor Bill

## **About the artwork and artist.**

The Light of the World, 1851-1853, is an iconic allegorical painting by William Holman Hunt. The painting depicts Jesus Christ as a regal figure in flowing robes, wearing a crown of thorns, holding a glowing lantern, and preparing to knock on a weed-overgrown wooden door with no external handle. This illustrates Revelation 3:20 from the Bible: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..." The artist William Holman Hunt is showing us that Jesus is the divine door to the living God who meets His people in the most intimate and personal ways. The closed, overgrown door → representing the human soul or "obstinately shut mind" that has long ignored spiritual calling. There is no handle on the outside → the door can only be opened from within, emphasizing free will and personal invitation to faith. The lantern → Christ as the light of the world (John 8:12), illuminating darkness and offering salvation. The work marked Hunt's deepening Christian faith (from earlier agnosticism) and became one of the most reproduced and devotional images of the Victorian era, inspiring oratorios, hymns, and widespread popular piety. It's often called a visual sermon on personal salvation.