

# Always A Time To Praise the Lord

## Revelation to Revelries

### *Psalms 19*

**Main Idea:** We should respond to and celebrate God for His general and specific revelation.

**Beginning at the End: David is glorifying God for revealing Himself (14).**

This is a less dramatic context than last week in Psalm 59. David isn't running for his life or seeking refuge from King Saul. Instead, he is just observing God's revelation and celebrating Him for it. While we've all needed to rely on God and find refuge in Him in some capacity, we likely haven't experienced that in the same way David did. However, each of us has likely fawned over God's creation or a particular passage in Scripture. In this Psalm, David demonstrates to us the proper response to God's self-revelation.

In a round about way, this Psalm is all about Jesus. After all, He is our Lord, our Rock, and our Redeemer. Only those that submit to His Lordship can be called true followers, He is the cornerstone of our faith, and He is the only one to take us and make us right with God. As we walk through Psalm 19, look for all the ways that David fulfills v. 14, glorifying God with his words and thoughts.

**We should glorify God for clearly revealing Himself generally in Creation (1-6).**

- The design and beauty of God's creation declare His existence to the world.
- Because of this revelation, each of us is without excuse.
- We should glorify Jesus for this revelation because He is the creator and sustainer of the world.

How many times have you just stared at a sunset and not looked away? What about a starry sky? What about a broad Live Oak? God has signed His name onto creation by giving us a beautiful world to live in. He has demonstrated to us through the beauty and design of the world that He is intentional with the created order. Because of this revelation, we are without any excuse for our rejection of God. He could not have made it much easier to believe in His existence. Creation declares the glory of God! But of course, that creation properly belongs to Jesus. After all, He is the one by whom all things were created. He is the one who sustains the world as we speak! Because of God's revelation through his creation, we should glorify Jesus with our words and thoughts.

1. What in creation shouts God's existence to you personally?
2. Walk through this passage and look at all the ways David glorifies God for revealing Himself in creation.
3. When was a time that you were so captivated by God's beautiful creation that you couldn't help but give Him glory?
4. What can God's general revelation help us understand about His character?

**We should glorify God for revealing Himself specifically in His Word (7-11).**

- God's Word is unchanging, making it a perfect standard for His followers.
- Believers are sustained and sanctified by God's specific revelation in Scripture.
- It is by this revelation that we can personally know Jesus and His plan of salvation.

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Christians are unique in that we don't subject ourselves to a faith that is dependent on the whims of the day. Our faith is rooted in the eternal and unchanging character of God. If God changed His mind about what was good or how we should be saved, how could we ever trust Him or have any assurance? By God's grace, we know from the internal consistency of His Word that it doesn't change, and we have manuscripts from before Christ to confirm it! The beauty of Scripture is that it is the sufficient revelation of God's perfect character. The Word may not tell us everything about God (as if we could comprehend Him anyway!), but through His Word, God has given us everything we need to have a restored relationship with Him. Even in the Old Testament Law, David sees so much of the goodness and righteousness of God on display that he cannot help but rejoice. How much more should we follow suit when we have the full story of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our savior, Jesus? Salvation could not come through God's general revelation alone, but in His love for us He has given us a perfect Word, which perfectly reveals His plan of salvation through His Son.

1. Which passages of Scripture have meant the most to you personally as you've grown in your relationship with God?
2. Walk through this passage and look at all the ways David glorifies God for revealing Himself in His Word.
3. Does your life reflect an emphasis on celebrating God's Word? Is it a focal point of your everyday life? Would others recognize this in you?
4. What blessings come from obedience to God's Word?

## **The only appropriate response to God's general and specific revelation is to repent and submit to Him (12-14).**

Head knowledge alone will never be sufficient to make us new. We must be transformed by God and given new life. Knowledge of God's work in creation and reading about Him in Scripture will do nothing for you if you are not submitted to His lordship and trusting Him for salvation. What we see in these verses is the proper response for someone who has been so moved by God through God's beauty revealed in the world and Scripture. We see someone who wants to be conformed to the image of Jesus. We see someone who hates their sin. We see someone so in love with God and so full of gratitude for the provision He offers.

1. In these verses, what ways does David demonstrate a spirit of repentance?
2. Does this occur naturally in the hearts of mankind?
3. Why is David so dependent on God to sustain Him in His efforts to honor Him?
4. What does the end of v. 14 in particular demonstrate to us about the reason we should seek to honor God with our words and thoughts?