



**2016: Week 48**

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016

“God’s Revelation”

**Psalm 19:1**

“<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands” (NIV).

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On Sunday John reminded us of the various ways the Lord has revealed Himself to mankind. In **Psalm 19**, the Psalmist David, details two specific ways the Lord has revealed Himself to us: through nature and through His Word. Theologians identify these two sources of revelation as general revelation (a general identification of God through the work of His hands, i.e. nature) and special revelation (a specific and explicit disclosure of God to us, most notably Scripture itself). In **Psalm 19**, David identifies both. In his sermon, John offered another means of special revelation: the Lord Jesus Himself, who said, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (**John 14:9**, NASB). General revelation is enough for all people to know that there is a God, but it is only special revelation that offers the way of salvation in Jesus. As a believer in Jesus, Christ makes sure your final standing with God *is and always will be* His own children. However, you are responsible for the current state of your relationship with God. Your ability or inability to trust and obey the Lord significantly impacts the closeness (or state) of your relationship with God. As we study **Psalm 19** this week, may we properly respond to the Lord’s revelation of Himself, so that our lifestyles are consistent with who we are– children of God.

1. **READ Psalm 19:1–6**

- Is this describing general revelation or specific revelation of God?
- What does nature tell us about God?
- Is there anything in particular within nature that has special meaning to you in regards to your relationship with God?

2. **READ Psalm 19:7–11**

- Notice the different terms David associates with God’s Word. For example, in verse **7a** David identifies Scripture as “the law of the LORD.” What are the other descriptions David uses for Scripture?
- From these verses what do we learn about the *effects* Scripture can have on a person?
- In **v.10**, David says that Scripture is more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_, and it is sweeter than \_\_\_\_\_.  
What has God’s Word done in your life?

3. **READ Psalm 19:12–14**

- What are the different requests David presents before the Lord in these final verses of the Psalm?
- What kind of requests do you present before the Lord?
- Is God *your rock* (**v.14**)? Is He *your Redeemer* (**v.14**)? What do you need to thank Him for today?

**FAMILY PRAYER:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer. Amen.