



UNSHAKABLY COMMITTED TO HIS WORD

WEEK OF 1/11/26

WHEN GOD BREAKS THE SILENCE

PSALM 19

Silence (1-2 minutes)

Sit silently for a minute as a way to center your heart and invite the Holy Spirit to help you listen to and receive God's Word.

Opening Prayer (2-3 minutes)

Read: Psalm 19

Devotional

Being unshakably committed to God is sometimes difficult, especially when we don't understand the why of what God is doing. The good news is we belong to a congregation of the righteous, as we learned last week, and God's Word tells us how to become a blessed people. This week, through the poetry of David, we receive a powerful description of who God is, Creator, Lawgiver, and Redeemer, and the ways he speaks through creation, in His Word, and to our hearts.

1. Think of a time you've dozed off, maybe in class or during a movie. What did you miss by not paying attention to what was being said?

Psalm 19:1–6 / When a meteor streaks across the night sky, it sets off within us a moment of awe when the thin dazzling white line appears. Yet when we contemplate the meteor a bit further, we recognize it as part of God's creation. God controls its direction, how long we can see it, and whether it crashes to earth. The details that God put into motion turn our moment of awe into lasting awe because this display of Creation speaks to us of God's power over reality. It says that the Mighty Creator cares about and has a plan for His creation. What's awesome is that we, too, are His creation—He cares so much he creates a plan for each of us.

2. Think about the course of the sun. It rises and sets every day under God's control. Describe a struggle when you tried to control the situation. What happened when you turned the situation over to God?
3. Describe a time when God anchored your reality. What did the Mighty Creator speak

to you? Through what or whom did He speak to you?

Psalm 19:7-11 | God is more than a Mighty Creator; He is also an Intimate Lord and Personal Lawgiver. While we might think rules restrict, God's rules revive the soul, give wisdom, bring rejoicing, and enlighten. They shape our lives and teach us how to live. With the words in the Word, God speaks light onto our path to guide us.

4. Describe a time when you struggled with one of God's rules. How did this affect your life?
5. If you still struggle with one or more of God's rules, consider why God has the rule in place. What changes can you make in your life to obey this rule?

Psalm 19:14 | If we see a powerful God and know He is merciful, it's time we look inward at our hidden sins—the pride we don't realize we have, the prejudice we've grown comfortable with, the "blind spots" in our character—and our presumptuous sins—those we know are against His law yet we do them anyway. These sins taint the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts. They push us away from Jesus, who was sent to redeem us, and who can redeem us if we let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in His sight. When God speaks to our hearts, it is not to scold us but to save us and turn us to the Redeemer.

6. Remember a time when your words hurt another. What could you have said differently to make the words pleasing to God?
7. Think of a time when another's words hurt you. What were the meditations in your heart? How can you direct your meditations to be pleasing to God?

None of us will ever live a perfect life, and the words of our mouth and meditations of our heart will not always be pleasing to God. Thankfully, God sent His son, Jesus, to be our Redeemer. Jesus, who lived a perfect life under God's laws with words and meditations that were pleasing to God. Jesus, who was unshakably committed to following God. Jesus, who looked not at the world but at the Word. Now, thinking about this, who do we trust: the world or God, the Creator and protector of a fragile, broken world that declares His glory; the Lawgiver, who graciously gives us His Word to live by; the Redeemer, who sent his Son to save our sinful souls?

8. Describe a time when you strived for perfection. How did you feel as you worked toward perfection? What lessons can you learn from this situation?

Closing Prayer

Powerful God, Merciful God, Redeeming God, you are all these things and more. Because of these characteristics, I can turn my gaze to the heavens and hear the silent shouts of Creation, I can live a life that reflects who you are, and I can work toward my reward. However, I know that I am imperfect and live in an imperfect world. Because of this I ask, turn my gaze to your Creation when I doubt, turn my eyes to your Word when I lack knowledge, and turn my mind to the Redeemer when the world's voice screams, for you alone, Father, hold the world in Your hands. In your name I pray. Amen.

Share Prayer Requests (10-15 minutes)