

THE GOD WHO CAN BE KNOWN

Psalm 19

Is God Close?

Does God seem close to you?

That is a massive question – and today’s text will help us to know more about God – but more important to know Him as your God and Savior.

Read Psalm 19

Pray

Up Close and Personal

What David does in this Psalm of praise is to bring God up close and personal to the worshipper.

- He begins with the massive God...
 - He uses the most basic and broad word for God “El”.
 - He sets this massive God in the heavens Who is making known His glory.
- In verse 1 he refers to “God” and through verse 6 refers everything back to God.
- Then, this God comes down and moves close by revealing Himself as “LORD.”
 - v. 7 – *“The Law of the LORD is perfect.”*
 - The “LORD” is Jehovah, the covenant making and covenant keeping God of His people.
 - Exodus 34, as God is making covenant with His people, He reveals His name.
 - The LORD reveals Himself to His people through His Word – His Law
 - The LORD makes covenants with His people...the LORD makes promises to His people...the LORD protects His people...the LORD provides for His people...the LORD saves His people...
 - There is a vast relational difference between the God of the heavens and the LORD who makes and keeps His covenant with His people.
- He isn’t finished yet! He moves even closer...
 - v. 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.”*
 - He is my “redeemer.” The “go-al” or kinsman redeemer.
 - He is my “rock.”

The Message

The infinite God of the universe has made Himself known and can be known – personally!

When we say God is personal, we are not saying I fit Him into the mold I want but we are saying He is everything I need.

The Massive God of the Heavens

Look at verse 1 – *“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”*

- The heavens declare and the sky (atmosphere) preaches something about God.
 - The longest sermon that has ever been preached and continues to be preached is by the physical universe and world.
 - It is being preached everywhere and all the time...by the sun and moon...day and night.

So, what is the universe preaching?

- v. 2 – *“Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals **knowledge**.”*
 - Every day and night it communicates knowledge.
- v. 3 – *“There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.”*
 - There is nothing the universe is saying that cannot be heard and understood.

-vs. 4, 5 – *“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, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.”*

-As David has observed –

-The sun and moon have a circuit – a course – and they follow it so precisely that all of history can be calculated by it!

-The Bridegroom comes out in splendor, and the strong man runs with joy and confidence!

So, the universe is declaring the glory of God – The glory of God’s knowledge, design and power.

-There is so much being proclaimed about the existence and ability of this God that only a fool would say that He doesn’t exist! (Ps. 14, 53)

This is glorious – but David says something even more amazing –

The Covenant Keeping LORD

He makes Himself known generally through the universe and nature –

-He makes Himself know specifically through revelation of His Word – His “Law” –

1 – The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul

-What God has said is perfect for what your soul needs.

-God’s Word will help you understand yourself.

-God’s Word will help you understand the world around you.

-God’s Word will give your soul everything it needs for life.

-Your body gets tired and must sleep. It breaks down, wears out, and gets sick...it eventually dies.

-This is true of your soul...

-God speaks to your soul through His perfect Word and your soul gets revived ...refreshed ...renewed.

-Jesus is the living Word and He said, “Come to me all who are weary and heavily burdened and I will get you rest.”

2 – The Testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple

-Not only will your soul need reviving, but your heart needs wisdom.

3 – The Precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart

-Another way to say it is “the witness of the Lord is reliable...sure...trustworthy.”

4 – The Commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes

-It is a commandment and not commandments to show that he is talking about the Word of God as one authoritative Word from God.

-Your eyes need enlightened because of the reality that is dealt with in verse 12 – *“Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.”*

5 – The Fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever

-Fear is reverence for God so it describes the attitude of your heart toward the Word.

6 – The Rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether

-David’s point is that the Word of God is true and altogether righteous....You can live by it.

The Word of the LORD is (vs. 10, 11) –

-Profitable = more than fine gold

-Delightful = sweeter than honey

-Useful = keeping from error and leading to reward

Personal – Rock and Redeemer

You will notice how personal the text becomes in verse 12 and 13 – it deals with sin, sin of the heart.

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.”*

-In redeeming us, God is filling us with great purpose.

-In being a rock for us, God is giving great stability to our lives.