

A Survey of the Psalms - 1

Psalm 19

The Glory of God

Focus Verse: Psalm 150:6

Lesson Verse: Romans 1:20

I. Introduction to the Book of Psalms

- A. The Book of Psalms in the Old Testament is God's answer to the headaches and heartaches of life. Without it the Bible would not be complete - as a matter of fact, next to the Gospels, Psalms is probably the most read part of the Bible because of the reality and the promises found there!
- B. Psalm 19 is a great Psalm showing two of the three ways that God has revealed both Himself, and His glory to mankind: by the Creative Power of God, and by the Word of God. The third way, which would be later was by the Son of God.
- C. Until then, these two together would suffice all of humanity's need for basic information about the Creator, and cause anyone with an honest and responsive heart to break out in praise and honour of such a redeemer!

II. Lesson - The Glory of God (Psalm 19)

A. The Glory of God – What is it? (Psalm 19:1)

1. The brightness, splendour, and magnificence of God (Ex 15:11) – we would say, the awesomeness of God
2. The heavens declare the amazing abilities of God
3. It is God's praise-worthiness – the reason we worship Him!
4. What God DOES is glorious, but what God DOES, only shows us just how glorious God IS!!!
5. That's why we worship HIM, and not what He has made!

B. The Creation of God – Brings Information (Ps 19:1-6)

1. God created the entire universe to show us Himself – what he is like, and what He can do!
2. The heavens right now are declaring the glory of God
 - a. The heavens declare, scream, shout, try to get our attention about its Creator
 - b. They are all the handiwork of God (Psalm 8:3; 33:6) – they are not to be worshipped (Dt 4:15-19)
 - 1) The weather – clouds, storms, lightning
 - 2) The moon, planets, the sun, stars, nebulae, galaxies
 - 3) All beautiful, and powerful, and massive in scope
 - c. The firmament is space itself, which holds all that is in the universe
3. God created a large universe to make sure NO one is ignorant of the existence of God (Rom 1:18-21)
 - a. Day and Night teach the whole earth
 - 1) God has nature preaching two sermons every day on His existence, His greatness, and His glory
 - 2) Universal language
 - b. The line that the sun and stars travel reaches through all the world
 - c. The Sun is situated in a tabernacle - its fixed dwelling place – not like a wandering light
 - d. It races across the sky to deliver its message (Rom 10:18) like a bridegroom racing to swoop up his bride!
 - 1) That there is a Creator - He exists
 - 2) That the Creator cares – keeps life going
 - 3) That the Creator is dependable - just as the sun rises and sets dependably, so is its creator - just as the Laws of nature operate in a trustworthy, consistent manner, so is its Creator
 - 4) That creation is just a taste of what the Creator is like - only a poor reflection (as the Moon is only a poor reflection of the light of the Sun - only 5% of the light is reflected)
 - 5) That the Creator has great imagination - nothing is all the same, but quite varied, and complex (over 18,000 different kinds of Beatles)
 - 6) That God's Laws matter most (Ps 97:6)
 - 7) That out of all creation, the Sun best illustrates God
 - a) Light
 - b) Source of all life on earth
 - c) A burning fire (Mal 4:1,2)
 - e. Nothing is hid from the heat of the Sun (without the Sun, it would be -250 degrees Celsius all over the earth)

- f. Sun rise and Sun set – earth around sun, or sun around the earth?
 - 1) From the observer, it looks one way – the sun rising (Joshua 10:12,13)
 - 2) Step away and see it from God's viewpoint, the earth circles the sun
 - 3) The idea is that everything in the universe is in motion
- 4. Creation Science - what we learn from Creation Science
 - a. Nothing is wrong with science - allows you to learn a lot about God. Just don't let it become a god (1Tim 6:20)
 - b. The earth and sun are in a rapid motion (Ps 19:5) – not slow
 - c. Day and night on earth at the same time (Lk 17:31-34)
 - d. The earth is a circle (Isa 40:22)
 - e. The earth is hanging upon nothing in space (Job 26:7)
 - f. The stars are innumerable (Jer 33:22)
 - g. The elements will one day melt in a Big-Bang (2Pet 3:10)
 - h. There is one flaw with all this information - Revelation, Information, Illumination is NOT Salvation - it is only a start!
- 5. Application to the Christian
 - a. We should join in and declare the glory of God!
 - b. Witness day and night (Acts 5:42)
 - c. Witness throughout the whole earth, so that there is no speech nor language where God's word is not heard (Act 1:8; Mt 28:19,20)
 - d. No one should escape the effect of Christianity on the world

III. Concluding Questions

A. What does the Glory of God Mean?

- 1. The brightness, splendour, and magnificence of God (Ex 15:11) – we would say, the awesomeness of God

B. Why did God create the entire universe?

- 1. to show us Himself – what he is like, and what He can do!

C. What are the heavens doing right now

- 1. Declaring the glory of God

D. Is there anyone that is ignorant of the existence of God?

- 1. No. They are all without excuse!

E. Anyone remember the message of creation?

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F. What is the one flaw with Science?

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G. How can the Christian be like the rest of creation?

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H. We have been reminded about the glory of Creation – the handiwork of God

I. Next Sunday evening, the Glory of the Law of God

J. Here is a Thought. The creative ability of God is marvellous, and glorious, but is nothing like the WORD of God!