

# A Survey of the Psalms - 1

## Psalm 19 part 2

### *The Glory of God*

**Focus Verse: Psalm 150:6**

**Lesson Verse: Romans 1:20**

#### I. Introduction to the Book of Psalms

- A. 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.
- B. Until then, these two together would suffice all of humanities' 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. Review - 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
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
  - 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!
  - e. Nothing is hid from the heat of the Sun (without the Sun, it would be -250 degrees Celsius all over the earth)
4. 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

##### C. Preview

1. In the first half of the Psalm, David sits in awe of creation. And then he ponders a collection of scrolls down in the Tabernacle, called the Law, and he gets more excited!
2. He realised that as powerful as God is to create this entire universe, and keep it running, it was a greater act of wonder to write down His perfect Laws for mankind – His Laws are amazing! Perfect!

#### III. Message - The Law of God (Psalm 19)

##### A. God's Word Is Six Things for Life (19:7-14)

1. His LAW is Perfect
  - a. The Bible talks a lot about God's LAW
    - 1) The Law is God's standards of right
    - 2) His expectations of all mankind.
    - 3) His rules, and regulations on how to behave
  - b. God said memorize His Law (Josh 1:8)
  - c. Meditate in it (Psalm 1:2)
  - d. Based on the Ten Commandments
  - e. But everything God said in the Bible is absolute – not suggestions like most people talk today!
  - f. The law of God resonates, agrees with the moral laws of God written in the heart – conscience (Rom 2:14,15)

- g. We need God's Law (Rom 7:7-9; Gal 3:25)
    - 1) To convict us – show us where we are wrong
    - 2) And then to convert us – show us how to get right
    - 3) And then to straighten us out (Heb 10:16)
  - h. God's law converts the soul from being proud, to broken - ready for the Lamb
    - 1) The mind is worked on by science, and evidence
    - 2) But the soul is worked on by the fixed moral Law of God – convicting, and converting the soul (1Pet 1:23)
  - i. God's laws are not just lists of do's and don'ts – but also contain instructions on trusting the lamb!
  - j. Be sure to always let God's word, His LAWS do the work of converting a sinner! That's why we focus on preaching the word (1Cor 1:21)!
2. His Testimony is Sure – it is absolutely certain, fixed, unchanging
- a. God's Testimony - what He sees and thinks about things.
    - 1) We have lost sight of this influence
    - 2) We pay more attention to what everyone else thinks about abortion, and about handling money, and about raising children, and submitting to husbands, and leading your family
  - b. God's word makes the simple-minded (ignorant) wise (Pr 14:16; 22:3). We have to become like a child again, no matter how smart and intelligent we are, so that we can become wise (1Cor 3:18) by allowing God's word to mould and shape our thinking and our heart!
3. His Statutes are Right
- a. They are right, no matter what the world, politicians, psychologists say (Ps 33:4)
  - b. There are laws that apply to criminals, to individuals, but a STATUTE is a law that applies to everybody.
  - c. They rejoice the heart - there is safety in the bounds that God defines (Acts 17:26,27)
4. His Commandments are Pure - no error or fault, or need for adjustment
- a. Jesus did not shy away from God's commandments
    - 1) We are "Commanded" to repent and be saved (Jn 3:3,7; Acts 17:30; 14:23)
    - 2) Yes, Jesus fulfilled the commandments
    - 3) But Jesus *expanded* on the commandments
      - a) Lust = adultery
      - b) Coveteousness = idolatry (Col 3:25)
    - 4) The only commandments that were done away were the ceremonial commandments relating to approaching God in the Temple
  - b. They enlighten the eyes (Ps 119:18,130; Eph 1:18; 1Jn 1:2-5) - they give light for you to be able to "see" (understand) life
5. The Fear of God is Clean
- a. Look what the Bible refers to its words as, the FEAR of the Lord!
  - b. F.E.A.R. - not just "reverence," but terror!
  - c. There is a wrong kind of fear – an unhealthy fear (horror movies, bullying, etc)
  - d. But this BOOK is Clean – it is cleansing.
  - e. It is wonderful to have something that is clean! If we are filthy on the inside, it is because we do not let God's words teach us to fear God (Pr 8:13)
  - f. It endures forever - it cannot be corrupted - it always stays this way (Mt 24:35)
6. God's Judgments are TWO Things - as in the days of Noah, and Nineveh, and Sodom (Lk 13:1-4)
- a. They are true - not made up stories of judgment
  - b. They are righteous - in EVERY situation (Gen 18:25). See also Jesus in the Temple (Jn 2:15-17)
- B. **The Value of Knowing God's Law** (Psalm 19:10-13)
- 1. Priceless! His Laws are more Precious than the finest Gold (19:10)
    - a. Find a piece of dirt, and it is worthless
    - b. But find something rare and perfect – the more perfect, the higher the value
    - c. Find a one of a kind, and it is priceless

- d. So is God's word!!!
  - 2. Sweet! They are Sweeter than the Sweetest Honeycomb (19:9)
    - a. Huh? I thought the Laws were mean, and limiting, and restrictive, and harsh
    - b. Nope! Not when you understand just how RIGHT they are
    - c. When your parents make a time to come in, and you think they are too controlling – only to find out the friends you were going to hang out with took a ride in another “friend’s” car, and ended up in a wreck that got all of them in the hospital! You might just hug your mean old mother!
  - 3. Protecting! They are a Constant WARNING (19:10)
    - a. A lamp unto your feet, showing you what is ahead, to keep you from falling
    - b. Showing you where you are headed if you go your own way
    - c. Bible preaching is 1/2 warning, ½ teaching and encouraging (Col 1:28)
  - 4. Rewarding! They are Rewarding to the Believer (19:11) – long life, and rewards in heaven!
  - 5. Beyond Critique (19:12)
    - a. Who can find a flaw, or an error in His laws, or His words?
    - b. For 3 ½ years, every Pharisee and Sadducee tried their best to find something wrong with what Jesus said!
  - 6. Penetrating! God's Law is Penetrating (19:12; Heb 4:12; Act 7:54)
    - a. Not only shows what we may be doing wrong on the outside
    - b. But it exposes the thoughts and intentions of your heart!
    - c. It cuts you open and exposes you for who you really are!
    - d. That's why people don't come back to church
    - e. Why they want “newer” bibles
    - f. Why they want less “preaching” and more music in churches!
    - g. Because the Bible is like a surgeon's knife!
  - 7. Protective! God's Law is Protective (19:13)
    - a. From Presumptuous Sins – sinning on purpose, thinking it won't matter!
    - b. From Bondage – the dominion of sin
    - c. From the Great Transgression – the worst of sins!
      - 1) Don't think you would never do such-an-such a sin
      - 2) You better ask God to keep you from having to face great temptations “lead me not into temptation”
- C. The Example of God's Law (19:14)**
- 1. May OUR words be like GOD'S words – see again Joshua 1:8
  - 2. May our rules be like His rules – not replacing them like the Pharisees did (Mark 7:6-8)
  - 3. Notice how the meditations of your heart end up being the words of your mouth!!! They go together
  - 4. Make sure BOTH are right in God's sight – God sees both!
- D. God's word therefore is NOT:**
- 1. Not corrupt (2Cor 2:17)
  - 2. Not hard to understand (Pr 8:8-10), unless you are unregenerate (2Cor 2:14,15), and unless not studied
  - 3. Not like man's wisdom (1Cor 2:13)
  - 4. Not interpreted without Scripture (2Pet 1:20; 1Cor 2:13; Isa 28:10)
  - 5. Not relative (Jn 17:17)
  - 6. Not pleasant to sinners (Jn 8:44-47)
  - 7. Not powerless (1Thes 1:5; Jn 8:32; Cf Isa 55:11)

#### IV. Concluding Questions

##### A. What are the Six Things that God's Word is in this world?

- 1. His LAW is Perfect
- 2. His Testimony is Sure
- 3. His Statutes are Right
- 4. His Commandments are Pure
- 5. The Fear of God is Clean
- 6. They are true and righteous

B. God's laws are more Precious than what? the finest Gold (19:10)

C. God's laws are Sweeter than what? the Sweetest Honeycomb (19:9)

- D. **What is the Great Transgression?** the worst of sins!
- E. **What are OUR words to be like?** Like GOD'S words
- F. **The meditations of your heart will end up being what?** the words of your mouth!!!