



Summertime
in the
Psalms

IT'S ABOUT
GOD

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When you tie this back to Psalms were songs used for worship it makes sense

Not all worship is “feel good” moments some of it can be and should be quite convicting and intense

While I receive benefit from worship, I am not the beneficiary of worship

**It's not the song I sing,
it's the heart I bring**



PSALM 19

Starts out by describing the glory of God in nature.

The second part of the Psalm describes in detail the importance of the law of God.

This Psalm is not about nature or the law. It is about God and how He speaks to us and is revealed to us and in us.



PSALM 19

“Two things fill the mind with ever new and increasing admiration and awe - the starry heavens above and the moral law within.”

We see God

We also look within ourselves and see not just how we want to act; we see the law of God telling us how we “should” act.

Today's Psalm combines those two things and shows us what we are supposed to do about it.



Through nature and the law, we hear God calling us and we have a choice to make in how we respond.



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DECLARING
GOD'S GLORY

GOD REVEALED IN NATURE

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Psalm 19:1-6



GOD REVEALED IN NATURE

All creation testifies to us that there is a God

It is a constant testimony: *Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge*

It is perfectly silent: *They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them*

It is ideas without words

It will not intrude on us



GOD REVEALED IN NATURE

God often speaks in quiet whispers

“And these are but the outer fringe of his works; how faint the whisper we hear of him! Who then can understand the thunder of his power?”

Job 26:14



GOD REVEALED IN NATURE

If you do not pay attention, you will miss it.

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

1 Kings 19:11-12



GOD REVEALED IN NATURE

If you take notice, you will see the glory of God

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

If you are looking, you will find proof in nature of the greatness of God.



GOD REVEALED IN NATURE

Everything is Where It Belongs

*The focus of the next section is on the sun.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.*

It has a job to do

*It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to
the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.*

It takes joy in doing what it was made to do:

*It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.*



GOD REVEALED IN HIS WORD

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

Psalm 19:7-13



GOD REVEALED IN HIS WORD

The one thing that seems unable to find its place and take joy is man

We are broken and rebellious

We need something more

We need the law of God to heal our brokenness and correct our rebellion



GOD REVEALED IN HIS WORD

The Psalmist shifts abruptly to discussing the importance of the law of God

It includes the law, but it is more generally a reference to the will and guidance of God as contained in scripture

The author proceeds in the next few verses to discuss the transformational potential in studying the law



GOD REVEALED IN HIS WORD

The Law Restores

The law of the Lord is perfect refreshing the soul

The Law Illuminates

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The Law Protects

Through the law, God can protect us.



GOD REVEALED IN ME

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

In verse 14, the Psalmist asks for their own voice to be added to those things that declare the glory of God.

Psalm 19:14

The heavens declare **(Nature)**

The law declares **(Scripture)**

Now may my words and my thoughts also declare the glory of God **(Worship)**



GOD REVEALED IN ME

The Psalmist desires not just what he says, but also what he thinks about to be pleasing to God

God cares about what we say because it reveals our heart

God hears our heart even when we hide it from others

The Psalmist desires to be pleasing to God not just in a surface way but deep down into the foundations of his soul



GOD REVEALED IN ME

The reason for this is because he views God as his rock and redeemer

He knows that there is no stability or security in life apart from God

He also knows that despite how we all wander off and seek wrong things

REDEEMER!



**DO YOU SEE GOD
IS GOD SEEN IN YOU?**

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