

Message for March 31, 2019
The Reality of God

Psalm 19 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

The skies display his craftsmanship.

**²Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.**

**³They speak without a sound or word;
their voice is never heard.**

**⁴Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.**

God has made a home in the heavens for the sun.

**⁵It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding.
It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.**

**⁶The sun rises at one end of the heavens
and follows its course to the other end.
Nothing can hide from its heat.**

**⁷The instructions of the LORD are perfect,
reviving the soul.**

**The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

**⁸The commandments of the LORD are right,
bringing joy to the heart.**

**The commands of the LORD are clear,
giving insight for living.**

**⁹Reverence for the LORD is pure,
lasting forever.**

**The laws of the LORD are true;
each one is fair.**

**¹⁰They are more desirable than gold,
even the finest gold.**

**They are sweeter than honey,
even honey dripping from the comb.**

**¹¹ They are a warning to your servant,
a great reward for those who obey them.**

**¹² How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart?
Cleanse me from these hidden faults.**

**¹³ Keep your servant from deliberate sins!
Don't let them control me.**

**Then I will be free of guilt
and innocent of great sin.**

**¹⁴ May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

I would confess that Psalm 19 is one of my favorite Psalms.

Within these 14 verses we can see God's two books.

To open the first book all you have to do is step outside on a clear night and look up, sounds simple enough but what are you looking at?

Psalm 19:1 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

**¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky displays what His hands have made.**

What a story. It tells of the immensity of the universe.

Remember from science class that light travels 186,000 miles per second, that's 5.88 Trillion miles in one year. So, to reach the furthest point we can see with a telescope it would take us 10 billion years, but space doesn't end there.

We live in a subdivision called the Milky-Way, and within that we live in a solar system, and within that we live in a little cul-de-sac called earth. It all declares the glory of God.

Here is a little more perspective: Someone suggested that if it cost a penny to travel 1,000 miles...

It would cost @2.38 to travel to the moon.

A trip to the sun would cost \$930.00

And a trip to the nearest star would cost 260 million dollars.

Isaiah 40:25-26 New International Version (NIV)

²⁵ “To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one

and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of His great power and mighty strength,

not one of them is missing.

As tiny as we are we are known and prized by God. We are redeemed and loved by the Creator Himself. And He knows us by name.

What a creation, what a Creator!

Verse 7 introduces us to Volume II.

While creation points to the existence of God, it’s His Word (The Bible) that tells us about God’s plan of salvation and the redemption of human kind.

The Bible tells us how we can have a personal relationship with the Creator of the universe by knowing His Son Jesus Christ.

Many people acknowledge there must be a creator behind creation, but they need to know about His love and mercy and grace.

David says: The Law of the Lord is perfect...

Many people when they think of “law” they think about something that keeps us from having fun.

But look how David describes the Law of the Lord:

- 1) Revives us**
- 2) Makes us wise**
- 3) Brings joy to the heart**
- 4) Gives insight**
- 5) Warns us**
- 6) And rewards us**

Volume I, Creation testifies to the greatness of the Creator.

Volume II, God desires a covenant relationship with us.

David finishes the Book of Creation and the Book of Revelation with this prayer:

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**¹⁴ May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Creation shows us the truth about our amazing Creator. But He comes closer. He gets involved in our personal messes, redeeming, and re-shaping us into the likeness of His Son, Jesus.

When you see the lives of people who have been changed, from the inside out, by the power of the gospel, you are seeing the redemptive power of Christ.

And when God works in *your* life, you are experiencing, first hand, the evidence of the reality of God.

Remember who you are and to who you belong.

AMEN