

The Essentials: The Psalms

Session 3: Psalm 19

Opening Collect

Together: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Watch Video

Read: Psalm 19 (out loud)

Discussion:

1. Where do you experience the glory of God?
2. Read vv. 2-4. These passages detail the way each day is a wordless speech about the glory of God. How can the experience of a day be a communication from God?
3. Many people say their church is spending time in nature. However, the Psalmist, beginning in v. 7, speaks of a second kind of revelation—the law of the Lord. Why is it important that God reveals himself in nature and his Word?
4. Read vv. 7-10 and circle the adjectives describing God's law. Which of these descriptions is most striking to you?
5. V. 11 describes how there is great reward in keeping God's law. Read vv. 12 and 13. Describe that reward.
6. Read v. 14. How can you make the meditation of your heart acceptable in God's sight?
7. What does Psalm 19 tell us about Jesus, and what does Jesus tell us about Psalm 19?

Check in and closing prayers

Psalm 19

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

[1] The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

[2] Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

[3] There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

[4] 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,

[5] which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

[6] Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

[7] The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

[8] the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

[9] the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

[10] More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

[11] Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

[12] Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

[13] Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

[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. (ESV)