



Psalm 19- “The God who Speaks”

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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Psalm 19

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. What is the overall tone of Psalm 19? What are the central truths being communicated through this Psalm?
2. Psalm 19 is divided into two distinct sections. Give a title to each section of the Psalm:
 - v.1-6—>
 - v.7-14—>
3. Verses 1-6 reminds us of how God is constantly communicating through his creation. How does God constantly communicate to us through nature? How is this category of revelation, which we would call “general revelation” limited in terms of communicating the truths of God?
4. Notice the change from “God” in verses 1-6 to “Lord” in verses 7-14. David uses the Hebrew word “El”, which is the generic title in the first section, but uses the covenant name Yahweh in the second half. How does this fit with the overall theme and focus of the Psalm?
5. Verses 7-14 move from what we would call how God speaks through “general revelation” in creation, to “specific revelation”. What are the sources of specific revelation that verses 7-14 mention? How does David speak of these? Are they a burden or a delight to him?
6. Verses 11-13 tell us of the specific ways that God’s Word works within us. God’s word reveals error, sin, presumption, and transgression to those who commit themselves to listening. How have you seen this to be true in your life? What specific dangers has God’s Word saved you from?

“The Psalms provide the language, the aspirations, the energy for the community as it comes together in prayer.”

-Eugene Peterson

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ Many times people think that God is silent. How does this Psalm refute that? How is God speaking into your life right now? Is it possible that the problem is not with God’s willingness or ability to speak, but with your ability and willingness to listen to him? Ask God to speak to you as David did in verse 14.
- ☀ How much time do you give God each day and week to speak? Do you spend time in prayer and in the Word of God? Do you ask God to speak to you and carefully listen?
- ☀ Throughout the week, look carefully for examples of God speaking to you. If you are struggling to hear him, know that God speaks primarily through his Word, his Spirit, and his People. If you center your life on those three, you will begin to hear him more and more.