

# PSALM 19

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## Special Lead-In to *The Almighty Creator* Summer EH Series

PURPOSE: To see the glory of God in his created order.

### Introduction

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling of the glory of God;  
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night reveals knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
Their voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> Their line has gone out through all the earth,  
And their utterances to the end of the world.

In them He has placed a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;  
It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from one end of the heavens,  
And its circuit to the other end of them;  
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;  
The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;  
In keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins;

Let them not rule over me;  
Then I will be blameless,  
And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

- Psalm 19 (NASB)

- There appears to be two and possibly three parts to this psalm. Verses 1-6 address God's works or creation. Verses 7-11 deal with God's word. Verses 12-14 refer to sin and sacrifice.
- Some have argued that Psalm 19 should be two separate psalms, with the division being between verses 6 and 7. I would tend to go with it being one psalm that reflects on God's world and word as revealed to us. Romans 1:20 "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." You have to be very gullible to think this all happened by chance.

## I. **Psalm 19:1-6 – God's Self-Disclosure in the World**

- A. Verse 1. The testimony of the universe seems obvious to most believers. Sinful mankind persistently resists it as is pointed out in Romans 1. The heavens and sky are key elements of creation as is seen in Genesis 1.
- B. Verses 2-3. Is not a contradiction but a statement to the nonverbal communication of the heavens.
- C. Verses 4-6. The message of creation extends everywhere and does not require giving names to the sun and moon as pagan religions have done, God created it all and rules over all.

## II. Psalm 19:7-11 - God's Self-Disclosure in His Word

- A. Verses 7-8. Uses four synonyms for God's Word describing what it is and followed by what it accomplishes.
1. His law is perfect and it restores the soul.
  2. His testimony is sure, making wise the simple.
  3. His precepts are right, rejoicing the heart.
  4. His commandments are pure, enlightening the eyes.
- B. Verse 9. The fear word here conveys the idea of worshiping God, not so much quaking in His presence. The rules are His judicial decisions.
- C. Verse 10. This verse conveys the value of God's word, also the fact that it leaves a good taste in your mouth.
- D. Verse 11. This indicates that God warns us not to do things which lead to trouble. Obedience has its rewards.

## III. Psalm 19:12-14 - Application of God's Word

- A. Verse 12-13. Examine yourself to see if there is any hidden sin in your life and deal with it. In Old Testament times this would often require an offering for atonement. (Leviticus 4:1ff). In Christ we have had the price paid. 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- B. Verse 14. David here asks God for to extend His unmerited grace for his words and meditation. He recognizes God as his rock and redeemer, a true statement of reverence.

## Conclusion

Juanita Purcell in her book *Be Still, My Child* says this about Psalm 19:

“Maybe David was thinking of the ‘fools’ of Psalm 14 when he wrote in this psalm. (‘The fool has said in his heart, There is no God.’). Only a fool would believe that the perfect order of this world and all the galaxies beyond could have just happened into being.

In fact only a Master Designer could have conceived the idea, much less carried out the plan and brought it to completion. “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.” (Vs 1). The Sun is 93 million miles from the Earth. Is it a coincidence that it is precisely the right distance away to permit life on Earth? What if it were closer? We would burn up. What if it were farther away? We would freeze to death. Is it a coincidence that the Moon is 240,000 miles from the earth? What if it were closer? The gravitational pull would be so strong there would be enormous tidal waves.

Truly the heavens are telling us about our magnificent and awesome God. He is absolutely dependable in keeping the universe in perfect order.”

### **The Almighty Creator Course Outline:**

- June 21 - Introduction
- June 28 - Day 1: Light & Night
- July 5 - Day 2: Ocean & Sky
- July 12 - Day 3: Land & Vegetation
- July 19 - Day 4: Sun, Moon, & Stars
- July 26 - Day 5: Birds & Fish
- August 2 - Day 6: Land Animals & Man
- August 9 - Conclusion