

One-off study.

Psalm 19: God's Glory, His Word and Us

1. How might most people finish the following: "if God spoke to us today, he'd say"
2. Pray for God to open your eyes as you read his word.

Read Psalm 19:1-6: God's glory

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
 the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
 night after night they reveal knowledge.
3 They have no speech, they use no words;
 no sound is heard from them.
4 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.
5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
 like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
6 It rises at one end of the heavens
 and makes its circuit to the other;
 nothing is deprived of its warmth.

3. What do the skies teach us about God? Does this change the way you look up?
4. How does David describe the power, strength and joy of the sun? How does the sun proclaim God's glory?
5. What questions do you have from these verses? What do you, in particular, need to learn?

Read Psalm 19:1-11: God's word

7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
 refreshing the soul.
 The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
 making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right,
 giving joy to the heart.
 The commands of the LORD are radiant,
 giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is pure,
 enduring forever.
 The decrees of the LORD are firm,
 and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,
 than much pure gold;
 they are sweeter than honey,
 than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned;
 in keeping them there is great reward.

6. List all the words and descriptions used for God's word.

7. List all the benefits and delights of God's word.

8. How do these ideas follow on from the previous topic of God's creation of the heavens, in general, and the sun, in particular?

9. How do these verses encourage you to:

a) listen to God's word

b) put into practice and obey God's word

10. What lessons do you most need to learn from these verses? What questions do you still have?

Read Psalm 19:10-14: and Us

- 10 They are more precious than gold,
 than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
 than honey from the honeycomb.
- 11 By them your servant is warned;
 in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 But who can discern their own errors?
 Forgive my hidden faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
 may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
 innocent of great transgression.
- 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
 be pleasing in your sight,
 LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

11. As people who are not perfect, why do we in particular need the word of God?

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12. When we know we are not perfect, why do we need to pray:

a. For forgiveness of “hidden faults”?

b. To be kept “from willful sins”?

13. Some use vs 14 as a prayer for each day. How might you use this prayer?

14. How does this whole Psalm cause you to look differently up at God’s creation, at the word of God, at yourself?

15. From all you have discussed, what is one thing you will do differently this week?