

A pass through The Psalms: **Week 11: Psalm 19**

There are two great “books” which God has published for (1) the knowledge of Him and (2) the instruction of men... **(1) His creation (2) His scripture**; and this psalm addresses them both, and recommends them to our attention.

His creation tells us of His **divine attributes**, His incredible **power & wisdom** and His **goodness to all**.

...what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (Romans 1:19-20)

His scripture tells us of His authority over humanity, **instructs us** of right & wrong, **convicts us** of sin & **confirms our duty to obey**.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

19:1 David says that God *displays* His glory in the creation of the world; His glory, authority, sovereignty, power, majesty & wisdom are on display through what He has made.

God's creation _____ His _____, wisdom & power.

19:2-4 David says that God *displays* His glory in the creation of the world. And its convicting cry goes silently out to all the world...day after day...and very few hear it.

The whole _____ is a _____.

David says that everyone is a witness to this testimony, day after day, decade after decade. And out of this display should come a praise of His name and a worship of His glory...and failure to is guilt!

All of mankind is _____ an excuse.

19:5-6 David is amazed, when he *contemplates* God's grand *purpose* for creation. David realizes that everything in the universe has a specific, set, established and appointed place in the purpose of God's display of His majesty. David is amazed, when he contemplates God's design for the display of His glory & power in creation...specifically in the placing of the sun.

_____ God has made exists to _____ His name.

Even God's most _____ creation in the universe was _____ with a specific _____.

David is even more amazed, when he contemplates how joyful the sun is (must be) in fulfilling God's purpose for him (it). Day after day he (it) gladly obeys God's design. Like a 'groom' the sun is totally content and full of joy with his position.

The sun (and universe) displays God's _____ and _____ in the _____ universe.

The sun (and universe) displays the _____ that comes from _____ to God's purpose & design in the physical world!

19:7 David transitions from talking about the physical universe to talking about the spiritual or moral universe (humanity).

God's _____ displays God's order and laws in the _____ universe.

19:8 David tell us that men and women can be as happy as the sun (rest of creation) by following His moral laws, commands day after day, decade after decade.

When we _____ to His law/order/purpose we will be _____ with joy.

19:9 God's laws are true, His word is _____. And they offer us the road map we need to find our _____ in His world.

19:10 More than anyone else (except Christ), David understood that God's instruction (and obeying it) was the only true way to be happy and therefore he desired hearing from & obeying God more than anything else.

When we truly understand the value of _____ our purpose & _____ our Creator...it will be our highest aim & deepest joy!

19:11-13 Our greatest desire should be to _____ and _____ our Creator by gladly submitting to His design...and to not grieve Him with sin.

Sin = Going against God's design.

19:14 David knew that the only way to experience true joy was **to submit to the truth** and **align his life to the truth** about God and about himself in God's word & world.

Right living = Thoughts, words & actions that are acceptable to God (in line with His design).

Submit = Accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies (submit) to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable (design). This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world (design), but let God transform you into a new person (submit) by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

Personal Notes: