



Studies in the Psalms

PSALM 19

THE PROOF OF GOD'S GLORY

QUICK REVIEW

LESSON ONE

- » The heavens declare the glory of God

LESSON TWO

- » God's Word declares His glory

LESSON 3

- » David prayed for God's glory

ABOUT THIS PSALM

There are three very obvious points being made in Psalm 19:

- » ONE: The heavens declare the glory of God. The study of the solar system alone reveals an incredible design that just could not have happened from out of nowhere.
- » TWO: God's word declares His glory. Applying the principles taught in the Bible to one's life, have always brought about success to anyone and everyone who has ever tried to do so.
- » THREE: The witness of the changed lives of God's people is also glorious evidence of how a relationship with God can so greatly improve a person's personal life, marriage, family, finances, and many other areas.

AUTHOR

We are informed in the title that the author of Psalm 19 is David, the son of Jesse from Bethlehem. The title also tells us that David recommended this psalm to the chief musician for use in temple worship.

THEME

The theme of Psalm 19 is all about the glory of God. The word glory means: worshipful praise, honor, or distinction of a quality or asset that is extended by common consent. The Bible contains many statements that describe to us what the glory of God is all about. Isaiah 43:7 says, "We were made for the glory of God." The creation of the heavens and the earth, as well as the creation of the human race are all evidence of the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31 says, "Whatever you do, do all for the glory of God." The changes that are made in our lives as we grow in our relationship with Him are evidence of the glory of God. Romans 5:2 says, "We hope in the glory of God." The record of the Bible, as well as history itself, all bears witness that we do well to put our hopes in the hands of the glory of Jehovah God. John 17:24 Jesus says, "Father, I ask that those whom You have given Me may be with Me where I am to see My glory." Someday every believer will indeed spend eternity in the glories of being in the very presence of God Himself.



PERSONAL APPLICATIONS//PSALM 19

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PSALM 19:1-6: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat."

QUESTIONS

Creation, or Intelligent Design, is a tenet of our faith that is often called just a theory and it has taken a back seat in our culture to the theory of evolution. What do you believe? Have a discussion about how incredible the solar system, the earth, the animal kingdom, the vegetable kingdom, and especially the wonders of the human body really are.

PSALM 19:7-11: "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and righteous altogether. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

QUESTIONS

Sometimes we hear a sermon or through our own study of the Bible, we find we have been doing something contrary to God's design for us. Learning that and making a shift in our behavior can bring about good results. Can any of you share about a situation where you stopped doing something your way and found that God's way brought about better results?

PSALM 19:12-14: "Who can discern His errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me, then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."

QUESTIONS

Has anyone in the group had an experience where you feel you were able to bring glory to God in some situation?

NUMBERS 14:21: "but truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD."

I CHRONICLES 16:29: "Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!"

JEREMIAH 9:24: "Thus says the LORD, 'Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.'"