

# The Revelation of God

## Psalm 19

The glory of God revealed in creation and in His Word exposes us to our need trust in Him for salvation and sanctification.

### The Universe – v1-6

The universe reveals the glory of God

- The communication is:
  - Continuous
  - Wordless and soundless
  - Joyful
  - Pervasive

The fact of the pervasive, continuous, joyful communication of God in the glory of his power, infiniteness, sovereignty, wisdom, beauty raises several points of application:

- 1) Believer, do you “listen” to the heavens?
- 2) Unbeliever, do you acknowledge the glorious God of creation?
  - a. You ought to because you are accountable for this communication of God – **Romans 1:18-21 (ESV)**

### The Word – v7-11

The Word of God reveals the glory of God

- Content of the revelation:
  - David was not concerned about specifics of the law, testimony, the precepts, the commandment, the fear, and the rules, rather, he wants to build a “total picture of Yahweh’s true, reliable, soul-renewing, life-preserving, joy-inducing, energy-giving Word.”
- Impact of the revelation:
  - God’s word “is perfect, reviving the soul ... is sure, making wise the simple ... right, rejoicing the heart; is pure, enlightening the eyes [vigor, energy] ...is clean, enduring forever ... true, and righteous altogether.”

The fact that God’s Word is “true, reliable, soul-renewing, life-preserving, joy-inducing, energy-giving”, we again are confronted by application, this time explicitly in the text.

Because God's Word reveals God as glorious (it does this by showing the desirability and benefit of Scripture which comes from God), I see two important opportunities for personal application:

- 1) For unbelievers, migrate from seeing God's glory revealed in nature to seeing God's glory revealed in his Word, the Bible
- 2) For the believer, cultivate an "unrelenting appetite" for it!

#### Salvation – v12-13

God's revelation evokes our need for salvation

- As we comprehend the glory of God in creation and his Word, there will be a response in the deepest part of our being.
- David recognizes his own situation in light of a glorious God: I am a sinner. I fall short of what I am called to. God help me!
- Romans 3:19-20 (ESV) Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Here is the testimony of scripture:

1. God is glorious
2. Due this glory we should honour him
3. We didn't, and don't, honour him
4. therefore, we face his wrathful judgment

Here is the testimony of God's word:

1. God is glorious
2. We did not honour him as he deserved
3. We cannot fix our lack of showing honour
4. We face judgment

The testimony of creation and scripture shows us our need for salvation. But scripture identifies itself as superior revelation in that it identifies the remedy for our situation: the remedy is found in the person and work of Jesus

#### Sanctification – v14

God's salvation evokes our need for sanctification

- Sanctification – growth in Christian maturity, a practical, progressive holiness
- Forgiveness of sins should lead to forsaking of sins