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Psalm 19 | "Revealed Glory"

God is not in hiding. He hasn't made it difficult for us to find him. Evidence for the Lord's existence is, quite literally, written in the skies, and proof that God is real is, quite frankly, written in a book. And so, we need not ask the question, "Are we alone in the universe?" A Being of unimaginable power and unimpeachable character resides all around us. And, as we'll see tonight, He even uses the universe itself to display his handiwork. Thus, anyone with eyes to see or ears to hear will know they are not alone; they will know they do not walk through life in cheerless solitude. After all, the God who made a tent for the Sun dwells within all believers (cf. 1 Jn. 3:24).

The Psalmist teaches us two things about God's self-revelation:

i. God reveals Himself through his work (vs. 1-6).

READ: Psalm 19:1-7 (ESV)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to-day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. ⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Look to the skies, for in them, you will see the handiwork of God. Notice how God's created works (i.e., "heavens," "sky," "day," "night," etc.) are "heard" by all. In fact, the Psalmist says they "declare" and "proclaim" the "glory" and "handiwork" of God. It is as if every star sings of the Lord. It is as if the clouds write the name of God. Evolution points to creation and says it's the product of chance. Creation points to itself and says it's the product of God.

Admittedly, creation does not tell you the name of God. The Lord used another means of revelation for that, and one we'll explore shortly. However, the point of the Psalmist is that one cannot help but see that there is God when looking at the stars. Should they come to another conclusion, it is only because some lie has replaced the truth embedded in our hearts.

EXAMPLE: James Webb Space Telescope

ii. God reveals Himself through his word (vs. 7-11).

READ: Psalm 19:7-11 (ESV)

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

What is hinted at in God's word is fully revealed in God's word. What half-conclusions we can draw from creation, we can fully comprehend in Scripture. What might be implied when we study the universe is made explicit when we study the Bible.

The Psalmist says that God's word is....

- Perfect, reviving the soul.
- Sure, making wise the simple.
- Right, rejoicing the heart.
- Pure, enlighten the eyes.
- True and righteous altogether.

God's word is the most valuable thing on the planet. The Psalmist says it's to be desired above "gold" and "fine gold." It's also the most enjoyable thing on earth. The Psalmist says it's sweeter than "honey" and the "drippings of the honeycomb."

But why is it so valuable and enjoyable? Because, through the word of God, the Psalmist says he's "warned." He says trouble ahead when he knows God's word. But not only that, the Psalmist says there's a "great reward" when he obeys (i.e., "keeps") God's word. How rewarding is the life that follows the principles of Scripture?

So, what's the takeaway?

Believing God's revelation makes us dependent on God's revelation.

READ: Psalm 19:12-14 (ESV)

¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth

and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Video Description

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