



Summer In The Psalms

Psalm 19



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1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.



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4 Their 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,

5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his
chamber, and, like a strong man, runs
its course with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and
its circuit to the end of them, and there is
nothing hidden from its heat.



David's Celebration of Nature

1. Nature is Glorious!
1. There is One More Glorious who Created All of It!



Three Responses to the Clover

1. Clover Worship

1. Dismissing Worship on Basis of the Clover

1. Clover as Sign-Post Calling Everyone to Worship God



C.S. Lewis on Nature as a Sign

For... we take the imagery of Scripture seriously, [and] we believe that God will one day *give us* the Morning Star and *cause us to put on* the splendour of the sun

At present we are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door. We discern the freshness and purity of morning, but they do not make us fresh and pure. We cannot mingle with the splendours we see.



C.S. Lewis on Nature as a Sign

But all the leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the rumour that it will not always be so. Some day, God willing, we shall get in.

When human souls have become *as perfect in voluntary obedience* as the *inanimate creation is in its lifeless obedience*, then they will put on its glory, or rather that greater glory of which Nature is only the first sketch.



One Clover, Three Responses

1. Worship of Nature
2. Dismissing Worship on Basis of Nature
3. Nature as Sign-Post to God

The Difference: our grid/filter/paradigm/presuppositions we approach the clover with

THE Core of the Christian Paradigm:

God is a loving pursuer of people



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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;



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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



God's Law...

God's Law Is:

perfect, sure, right, pure, true,
righteous altogether

God's Law Does:

reviving the soul, making wise,
rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes



Preamble to the Big 10 (Commandments)

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

-Exodus 20



Understanding Where God's Law Fits in Sequence

BORN ORPHANS ->

ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY ->
(By Faith in Jesus' Death & Resurrection)

GIVEN: HOLY SPIRIT

NEW HEARTS & MINDS

FAMILY RULES: perfect, sure, right, pure,
true, righteous altogether, reviving the soul, making
wise, rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes



Praying Psalm 19

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