



Bless The Lord, O My Soul ~ A Study in Psalms: Psalm 19, God's Perfections

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Intro: Psalm 19

'I take this to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world.' C.S. Lewis

"This Psalm reflects, more than any other, the beauty and splendor of the Hebrew poetry found in the Psalter.
David Gruzik, from Blue Letter Bible,

In Psalm 19 David marvels at the greatness of God's work in creation, then at the greater work of God in His word, so that he can consciously cooperate w/ God's great work in his own soul.

Make one Psalm your own: _____

Part I. God's Perfect Work in Creation—

Verses 1–4, the heavens and the skies

God's creation in the skies speak, not in audible speech or words, but as a clear communication from God, nonetheless.

Romans 1:19–20

Verses 5–6, the sun

David specifically highlights the sun because it's the foundation for all life on the earth.

Part II. God's Perfect Work in His Word—

Verses 7–10

7 The law of the LORD is perfect reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

Like the earth without the sun, apart from God's word we're doomed to spiritual naivete and folly; w/ God's word we have the wisdom of the ages and the skill to please God and live life well.

8 the precepts of the LORD are right rejoicing the heart

Like the sun rejoicing as it runs the course God established for it, we gain joy as we see how perfect God's ways are, of themselves, but also for our good.

the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psalm 12:6

Psalm 119:105

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see... John Newton, Amazing Grace

9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

When we fear God as we should, every lesser fear simply blows away like the Autumn leaves.

the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

God's word is true and can be counted on in all its particulars.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Proverbs 3:13–18

Part III. God's Perfect Work in My Life—

11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 1:1-3

David makes three requests of God:

1. ... for forgiveness
2. ... for God to keep him from his own proud desires to sin
3. ... for help to live a blameless life; that God's work would be perfected in his life through the power of God's word.

12 Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults

Psalm 119:9

1 John 1:9

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.

God's perfect work in David's life— V.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.*

God's word is ultimately the revelation of Jesus

1. God's perfect "creation"; the first born from the dead and the beginning of God's New Creation, Colossians 1:18
2. God's perfect revelation, John 1:14–18, Hebrews 1:3
3. The perfect man, Romans 5:18
 - ◇ Jesus is the subject of God's word and the object to which we're drawn in that Word.
 - ◇ To know Jesus is to know God, God's word, God's revelation.
 - ◇ To be ignorant of Jesus is to walk in spiritual darkness, to exist but not really live.
 - ◇ To live in Christ's orbit through faith is to have all that can qualitatively be called life.

What are my chief sins? _____

What does God's word say re. my sin? (Use a Bible concordance to see passages dealing w/ a particular sin)

What is my favorite passage of Scripture? _____ Why is it my favorite? _____

Consider starting a daily Bible reading schedule if you're not already:

When will I meet God in his word? _____

Where will I meet w/ the Lord in his word? _____

What portion of Scripture will I start in? _____

Jesus is the treasure over all treasures and if a man has the wealth of the world but not Christ he's a pauper in any way that ultimately matters.