

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Psalms 19

Psalm 19:1-14 (NIV)

The Book of Nature

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

³ There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

⁴ 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,

⁵ which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

The Bible

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

¹¹ By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

God wrote two books: enjoy them, and give the author the Glory

1. The _____ are telling of the _____ of God: the _____ proclaims
the _____ of his _____. **Psalm 19:1**

Psalms 65:6-8 - God establishes the mountains by His strength, being girded with might; Who stills the roaring of the seas. . . They who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs.

Nahum 1:3 - The clouds are the dust beneath God's feet.

Psalm 104:10 - God sends forth springs in the valleys; they flow between the mountains;

Job 26:7 - "God stretches out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing.

Psalm 29:3 - The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; The God of glory thunders, The LORD is over many waters.

Charles Spurgeon

A book is an expression of the thoughts of the writer. The book of nature is an expression of the thoughts of God. We have God's terrible thoughts in thunder and lightning; God's loving thoughts in the sunshine and the balmy breeze; God's bounteous, prudent, careful thoughts in the waving harvest and in the ripening meadow. We have God's brilliant thoughts in the wondrous scenes, which are beheld from mountaintop and valley; and we have God's most sweet and pleasant thoughts of beauty in the little flowers that blossom at our feet.

2. _____ to _____ pours forth _____. **Psalm 19:2a**

Job 37:2-6 - "Listen closely to the thunder of His voice, and the rumbling that goes out from His mouth. "Under the whole heaven He lets it loose, and His lightning to the ends of the earth. After it, a voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice, and He does not restrain the lightnings when His voice is heard. God thunders with His voice wondrously, doing great things which we cannot comprehend...."

Psalms 104:3-4: God lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; God makes the clouds His chariot; God walks upon the wings of the wind; God makes the winds His messengers, flaming fire His ministers.

Quote: Spurgeon

God's name cannot be forgotten? No, it is painted on the skies, it is written on the flood, the winds whisper it, the tempests howl it, the seas chant it, the stars shine it, the beasts low it, the thunders proclaim it, earth shouts it, and the heaven echoes it.

3. Night to night _____ . **Psalm 19:2b**

4. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their _____ goes out into all the _____, their _____ to the ends of the _____.
Psalms 19:3-4a

Romans 1:20-23 (NIV) For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

5. In the _____ he has pitched a _____ for the _____. **Psalms 19:3b-6**

Psalm 19:1-14 (NIV) 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.

Psalms 65:8 - God makes the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.