

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

PSALMS

LESSON 5

PSALM 19

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12– OCTOBER 17

DIVINE REVELATION

Psalm 19, penned by David but inspired by God is a miniature version of **Psalm 119**. In **Psalm 19**, God reveals Himself and His glory through His creation (**verses 1-6**), and God is revealed in His Word (**verses 7-14**). He revealed Himself generally through His world, and specifically through His Word. That general revelation is available to all, spoken without words. The specific revelation is spoken clearly by His Word. The general revelation of God is enough to condemn sinful man. The specific written revelation is sufficient to save sinful man. (Thoughts from Sermon of John MacArthur March 1, 2015)

Psalm 19 clearly proclaims the sufficiency of God's Word to provide all that we need for life and godliness and to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. As you consider and meditate upon **Psalm 19** pray that you will grow in your love for and delight in the Word of God. May you find His Word to be more precious than gold and sweeter than the drippings of the honeycomb.

Read Psalm 19:1-6. Natural Revelation. Declaring the Glory of God

To speak of the Glory of God is to speak of His intrinsic value, what gives Him His importance.

Commentary on Psalms, Vol. 1, Allan P. Ross, p.474. The glory of God is the splendor, greatness and majesty of God.

1. As you observe and consider the heavens and all of God's creation (**verses 1-6**), what is God proclaiming about His nature and attributes?
2. Read **Romans 1:18-21**. What does this passage say about man's accountability that comes from the evidence of God's glory provided by His creation?

Read Psalm 19:7-9. Specific Revelation. Declaring the Power and Sufficiency of the Word to Transform the Inner Person.

3. What phrase is repeated six times in **verses 7-9**? What is the significance of that repeated phrase?
4. What are the six titles of scripture in **verses 7-9**?

All those different titles are like looking at one diamond from many different angles. It's all the Word of God; it has so many facets. That's why we see those same 6 words repeated through Psalm 119 over and over, and they always refer to the scriptures. (Portions from Sermon of John MacArthur March 1, 2015)

5. What are the six characteristics of the Word in **verses 7-9**?

6. What are the six benefits of the Word as applied to our lives?

7. Which of those six benefits of the Word bless you the most and why?

Those six benefits are a stunning summation of the full sufficiency of the Word of God. These benefits are paralleled by the 176 verses in Psalm 119 which expand this. It is God's own Word providing commentary on His Word. (Portions from Sermon of John MacArthur March 1, 2015)

8. How do the following verses connect with one of the blessings provided by God's Word listed in question 7 above?
 - a. **Psalm 119:105**

 - b. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

 - c. **1 Peter 2:2**

 - d. **1 John 1:4**

Read Psalm 19:10-11. Delight in God's Word

9. From **verses 10-11**, how does David describe the value of God's Word? How is that related to the blessed man of **Psalm 1:2**?

Read Psalm 19:12-14. Response to Divine Revelation

10. What does David pray in **verses 12 and 13**?

11. In response to all the blessings and benefits God provides through His Word, how does David pray in conclusion in **verse 14**?

12. How does David's request and declaration of God's character in **verse 14** affect our thoughts and words throughout every moment of every day?

13. How does **Psalm 19** shape the way you pray every day?

The scripture is utterly sufficient for the transformation, restoration, for the perfection, the conversion, the salvation of the inner person. The Bible is always targeting the soul and when the soul is transformed behavior follows in a righteous pattern. If you want your inner person totally transformed, this is the work of the Word of God and only the Word of God can do that. (Portions from Sermon of John MacArthur March 1, 2015)