

Psalms 19:1-14

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- 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 reveal knowledge.
- ³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
- ⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- ⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
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 deprived of its warmth.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing 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 decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
- ¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
- ¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Verses 1-6: God's creation speaks of His glory

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

All of creation speaks of God's glory; they narrate or tell what work His hands have created accurately. The heavens declare, tell what His glory is; The firmament shows how skillful He is in creating. They proclaim how He works; how He creates, they reveal His reputation; speaking of His handywork.

Vs. 2 "Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge."

God is openly revealing knowledge about Himself through His creation. Day and night, His creation is pouring out and revealing who God is. Knowledge is being poured out revealing His abundance. Those who desire knowledge about Him, it is freely given, overflowing and abundant.

Vs. 3-4 "They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun."

God's creation tells His story to the ends of the earth and is understood even where language cannot be understood. God's invisible attributes are understood to everyone through His creation. Their voice goes out into all the earth, reaching every corner revealing Himself, how He create and crafts.

Vs. 5-6 "It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, 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 deprived from its warmth."

God's creation reveals who He is: A God who is full of rejoicing; eager as a strongman who is capable, prepared, mighty and brave to run the race. His creation reveals that He provides warmth and provision to everyone. Nothing is deprived from His provision and warmth.

Verses 7-10: God Himself speaks of His glory (the virtues of God's word)

Vs 7 "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple."

His laws are perfect. There is no flaw in them. His perfect word refreshes (converts) the soul. Convert means to return back; to turn back; to restore, to restart.

Hebrews 4:12 The word of the Lord is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. He will reveal knowledge to the simple, making wise what was previously simple.

Vs. 8-9 “The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy (rejoicing) the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.”

The precepts of the Lord cause the heart to rejoice; gladden; made glad. The commands of the Lord illuminate; enlightening, giving clarity & to give light to what was dark before.

The fear of the Lord causes reverence; conviction; awe & wonder. The fear of the Lord is enduring and persistent; firm and causing a person to take a stand for righteousness. To cause to stand firm; rise up or against. The fear of the Lord causes conviction within a heart. Righteous: just and right in conduct and character.

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus says: “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose and the winds blew and beat against the house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose and the winds blew and beat against that house and it fell with a great crash.”

Verses 10-11 speaks of the worth of God’s Word

Vs. 10 “They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.”

When a person begins to appreciate the true value of God’s word, it becomes much more precious than anything. What can be more precious than gold? What can be sweeter than honey? When you value something, you will protect it. You will be responsible with it. You will make sacrifices to protect it and be very careful to keep it close to you.

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

A virtue of a warning is to protect you. Someone who loves you will warn you of impending danger. Indulging in the wrong things will cause harm and pain. God doesn’t want us to do things that will bring destruction into our life.

Gain or reward is the result of adhering to God’s warnings in our life. We will be spared from hurting ourselves. A loving father protects us from unseen harm. Our reward is that we will be healed, made whole and restored by adhering to His warnings.

Verses 12-13 speaks of God's ability of God's word to help discern

Vs. 12 "But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults."

We often cannot see the error of our ways; our hidden faults. There are many things within us that go on that we are unaware of. We need God's word to point out the truth and expose our false beliefs, mindsets and errored thinking.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

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

Often our rebellion is exposed through different circumstances in our lives. Although our own measure of holiness may seem correct, are we willing to humble ourselves and submit to God's pure and holy standards. How have we been influenced by the world's disdain for holiness?

Verse 14 speaks of the meditations of the heart

Vs. 14 "May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, my rock and my redeemer."

Do the meditations of our heart please God? Have we been influenced by God's word? What is in my mind most of the time? Am I careful of what I am meditating on?

Prayer Items

Ministries of the Church:

1. Life Explorers: faithfulness and strength to disciple
2. Redeeming Roses: leadership and character growth; community
3. Sunday School: for the children to have an encounter with God and His word
4. Worship Team: each member to go deeper in revelation of God's truth and growth in leadership
5. Lifeline: encounter with God, community, discipleship

Church:

1. Members: development, spiritual growth and desire to live a holy life
2. God's plans to be accomplished through Life Church: for a revelation of the price Christ paid for our salvation
3. Churches in Malaysia and globally to respond to God's call for training
4. Depth of knowledge for God's word for Christians in Malaysia and globally
5. The meditations of our heart would be pleasing to God, reflecting His goodness and faithfulness
6. God would deal with heart attitudes that are displeasing and inhibiting spiritual growth
7. Each member would apply God's word and develop ourselves for the glory of God

Those who are not well:

1. Harold (Connie's father): grace and healing as he walks through treatment for cancer
2. Angeline's mother (as she recently lost her husband)
3. Si Yun & Jayden: total healing, salvation & restoration
4. Elisa: fourth stage chronic renal failure: healing and restoration

Covid-19 Pandemic:

1. God to reveal His will during this time
2. Healing for those who are affected