

The God Who Speaks

Psalm 19

For the director of music. A Psalm of David

<p>¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.</p> <p>² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.</p> <p>³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.</p> <p>⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.</p> <p>⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.</p> <p>The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.</p> <p>⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.</p> <p>The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.</p>	<p>⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.</p> <p>The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.</p> <p>¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.</p> <p>¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.</p> <p>¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.</p> <p>¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.</p> <p>Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.</p> <p>¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.</p>
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Parallelism	
Same meaning- to complete the thought	Parallelism is used so as to be intentionally repetitive, to cause us to slow down and linger to think of the main idea. The main idea is pointed to us from different angles: like a diamond with many facets each offering a glimpse into the same core of reality.
Adds to the first – deepening the meaning	
Contrasts – with the first	

1. The God Who Speaks: **Through The Natural World**

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2. The God Who Speaks: **Through His Word**

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**

The Names for the Word of God:

Law of the Lord, Statue of the Lord
Precept of the Lord, Commands of the Lord
Fear of the Lord, Decrees of the Lord

The Character of the Word of God:

Perfect – complete, sound & whole
Trustworthy – steadfast & faithful
Right – just & righteous
Radiant – brings light to our soul
Pure - given by a Holy God, sanctified by Him
Firm – resolute, definite, unchangeable

The Power of the Word of God:

Refreshing the soul - restoring the soul to the Creator
Making wise the simple - wisdom
Giving joy to the "heart" – clarity to the mind
Giving light to the eyes - children of light
Enduring Forever - "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away"
All of them are righteous - we exchange our untruths and unrighteousness for His truth and righteousness

The Realization of the Word of God

1. **Precious** - The law becomes our treasure: more precious than gold; but lay for yourselves treasures in heaven (Mat 6:19-20)
2. **Strong Foundation** - Build our house upon the rock
3. **Eternal Investment**
To seek, to study, and to obey God's Word is to labour in an eternal investments and no precious metal can compare.
4. **Delight** - "Sweeter than honey" - the Word is a treasure to be claimed and a taste to be enjoyed.
5. **Beautiful** - For the unbeliever the thought that the statutes bring joy and light seems foreign and goes against their right for freedom. When we are in Christ, with a regenerated, Spirit-filled heart, God's will becomes our joy. The Law becomes beautiful to us.

3. The God Who Speaks: **To Our Hearts Through His Searching Word**

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.

The Searching Word of God

"Reward" in obeying God's Word.
living a fulfilled life; converted, wise, rejoicing, enlightened, enduring, true, and righteous

The Problem

- Who can discern their own errors?"
- We have "errors," "hidden faults," and "willful sins".
- Sin has darkened our perception of God.

The Word of God is like a **mirror**. In God's Law we see our true condition and crisis. Our excuses, defenses, justifications are exposed. Our repressions are surfaced.

2 Timothy 3:16.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

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.

Conviction

"Forgive my hidden faults."

"Keep Your servant also from willful sins."

"Let them (willful sins) not rule over me."

Only in Christ can we live a new life.

Declaration

When we begin to live in the will of God, our ways, thoughts, words begin to change

We witness the power of the Holy Spirit within our lives and we begin to give Him alone total control.

Confess - "*Then I shall be blameless, innocent of great transgression.*"

"Blameless" is our position in Christ, we are made whole and complete. The Redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:1

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Prayer

The Psalmist has received the knowledge of God given in creation and in His Word, and has also received the cleansing and empowering of God, he prays for this to be reflected both in his words and in his thoughts. He asks that what he says and what he thinks may be acceptable to the Lord (worship).

Confession

The Psalmist concludes with a confession about who God is to him: my Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

The God, who loves me, saves me and strengthens me.

Conclusion

It is God's intention in communicating through all the splendor of nature and through all the specifics of His Word to reach **us**: in order that we might hear and respond. His one goal in communication with us is so that we would know Him, worship Him, love Him, obey Him and *know that it is the loving heart of God seeking our hearts.*

Prayer Items

- Let the splendor and majesty of nature speak to the many that are lost; let them know of your great love for them.
- Let your Word be our delight all day long, let us see the beauty of your Word each day and let it take root in our lives, teaching us how to live and to be set apart.
- Expose our hidden faults and our errors; help us to be humble as you speak to our hearts.

Church

- God will continue to shape our lives through His Word, allowing truth to build us as a church.
- We will be a place of prayer and worship. Teach us to pray, to stand in the gap for this nation and all the peoples of this land.
- Give us strength to live as ambassadors for Christ in the world. Where we will extend help, be compassionate and kind and take every opportunity to shine for Christ.
- God will continue to speak to the children and the young people, let them encounter you, let your Word build and teach them. Help them with their online classes in this new normal.

Covid19

- Healing
- Economy
- Front liners
- Vaccination
- Mental health

Healing

Sis. Rachel
Jayden

Nation

- Salvation
- Leaders of this nation
- Racial reconciliation
- Churches will seek the face of God, so that He will open the heavens, reveal His glory and pour His power upon our nation.
- The Church will be God's instrument for unity, integrity and racial harmony