

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 19

Hymn: This is My Father's World

HOW WE CAN KNOW HIM

Do you ever wonder to yourself, “How can I know God, when I cannot see Him?” or, “How I can be sure that God is really there?” If you have, then you can find answers in Psalm 19!

There are 3 main themes of Psalm 19. The first theme is in verse 1: “The heavens declare the glory of God”. In other words, because the Lord is the Creator of all nature, what He has made tells us about Him, the Maker. A gorgeous sunset reveals His beauty; intricate detail in the design of even a small leaf shows us His attention to detail. Mighty winds reveal His power; gentle breezes on a warm day reveal His love. We could go on and on, because God has left His “fingerprints” on everything He has made. This helps us tremendously, because He has left us tangible evidence of Him- that is still with us, that He still cares, that He is still sustaining all of creation. We can have the wonder of little children when we begin to notice His handiwork all around us. It is wonderful! And it builds our faith.



The second theme is in verses 7-10, describing God's Word- “the law of the Lord”, “the testimony of the Lord”, “the statutes of the Lord”, “the commandment of the Lord” and “the judgments of the Lord”. This is another way that the Lord reveals Himself to us. The descriptions of his Word are also here: perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, enduring forever, true, righteous altogether, more desirable than gold, sweeter than honey- WOW!! [Do you know anything else worthy of such a description?!] One wonderful thing is that, since Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:1,14), this is a description of Him! This is just one example- all throughout God's Word, we learn about the God who spoke or breathed (inspired) these very words.

The third theme is in the last verse- a prayer of the Psalmist, feeling convicted in his heart. It is that God reveals Himself to us in our hearts. When we spend time gazing on the beauty of the Lord in His creation and in His Word, we begin to realize how less than beautiful we are, and cry out to God for His help. This prayer shows us that only He can cleanse our hearts and make them acceptable in His sight.

These three themes all speak about the Lord in perfect agreement. Let's look at a simple example. Can you picture yourself at the seashore, looking across the beautiful water, and up at the sky...isn't it a majestic sight to see a gull fly across, with its wings spread, gracefully gliding on the wind? That's one of my favorite sights. In God's Word, in Genesis 1:20, the Lord actually says that He did that on purpose: “Let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.” He made the birds to fly across the sky, for us

to enjoy- they are for us! In our hearts, we marvel at the beauty and grace of our Creator God, who made these majestic creatures.

Do you see it? His creation, His Word and our hearts are all in agreement, as He reveals Himself to us. Next time you wonder about something about God, remember these three ways. You may be surprised at how it helps you to discover Truth!



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