

Summer of Psalms

Two Books – Psalm 19
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The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. - **Psalm 19:1**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. - **Psalm 19:7**

I. GENERAL REVELATION (vss. 1-6)

- Humans cannot plead ignorance of God; he never ceases to give a revelation of himself (Acts 14:16-17; Acts 17:22-28; Rom. 1:18-23).
- It is “the heavens” that give the greatest natural revelation of God (Gen. 1:1; Job 38-39; Ps. 8:1-4; Acts 4:24; 14:15; Heb. 1:10; Rev. 14:7).
- From the witness of the heavens, the sun (from an earthly perspective) is the greatest example of an orderly universe (vss. 4-6).

II. SPECIAL REVELATION (vss. 7-10)

- The One who reveals himself through creation is God (Hebrew *Eh*). The God who reveals himself through his word is the LORD (Hebrew *YHWH*).
- The knowledge of God is vitally important (Rom. 1:28; Col. 1:9-10; 2 Pet. 1:2).
- The “law” or “word” of the LORD – what it is and what it does:
 1. It is perfect – it revitalizes us
 2. It is sure – it provides wisdom to us
 3. It is right – it causes us to rejoice
 4. It is pure – it opens our eyes to see
 5. It is clean – it never stops teaching us
 6. It is true – it leads us into righteousness
 7. It is a delight, not burdensome. More precious than gold, sweeter than honey, it gives us fair warning and great reward.

III. PERSONAL REVELATION (vss. 11-14)

- Knowing God breaks us – and then God heals us (Rom. 3:20; 1 Tim. 1:15-16).

KNOW: When we know God, we see a clearer picture of who we are. Such a vision calls us to seek purity and leads to the desire to pour out our faults before God so that we may be made clean.

DO: Know God – let that knowledge lead you to redemption and holiness.

Recommended Reading:

The Heart of the Gospel by Robert. E. Coleman (LifePoint Library #269.2 COL)

Knowing God by J.I. Packer (LifePoint Library #231 PAC)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Psalm 19

1. What is the “theme” of this psalm?
2. What does it tell you about God?
3. By what means did God make the universe? (see John 1:1-4 and Col. 1:15-20)
4. What overcomes David’s thoughts as he ponders this God in creation and revelation? (see vss. 11-14)
5. How should we think of God, and what realizations should this thinking lead us to?
6. How will the truth of this psalm impact your life?