



Midweek Study

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God is Speaking, Are You Listening? – Psalm 19

God Speaks Through Creation (vs. 1-6)

Creation Reveals God's Glory

General Revelation... "The knowledge of God's existence, character, and moral law, which comes through creation to all humanity"¹

"The Heavens DECLARE the Glory of God" (vs. 1) – the word for declare was often used for making a public announcement or proclamation. The skies are heralds, announcing a King.

1. Continuous (**"Day to day...night to night reveals knowledge" vs. 2**)
 - a. We can look up to the sky and see the amazingness of God since the beginning of creation.
2. Comprehensive (**"pours out speech" vs. 2**)
 - a. Every part of creation testifies to its Creator.
 - b. Every person enjoys a different part of creation.
 - c. The more we discover the more we find the greatness of God.
3. Compelling (**vs. 3-4**)
 - a. The message of creation reaches all people. (**"There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard." Vs. 3**)
 - b. The sun is a joyful servant in God's **"tent" (vs. 4)**. David is declaring against the deities of the time that the heavens are not gods...they are witnesses that point to the true God.

¹ Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994), 122.

God Speaks Through His Word (vs. 7-11)

Special Revelation... “God’s words addressed to specific people, such as the words of the Bible”²

God’s Word is...

<u>Description for God’s Word</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>What It Means</u>	<u>What It Does</u>
Law (Instruction)	Perfect	Complete and lacking nothing; sufficient for every area of life.	Revives the soul - restores, refreshes, and transforms us.
Testimony/Statutes	Sure/Trustworthy	Completely reliable because it reflects reality.	Makes the simple wise - gives wisdom to those who humbly receive it.
Precepts	Right	Straight, righteous, and morally upright.	Rejoices the heart - walking God's path brings lasting joy.
Commandment	Radiant	Clear, bright, and illuminating.	Gives light to the eyes - provides discernment and direction.
Fear of the LORD	Clean/Pure	Free from error or corruption.	Endures forever - God's Word never changes or becomes outdated.
Rules (Ordinances)	True and Altogether Righteous	Absolutely true and perfectly just.	Warns us from sin and rewards obedience.

God’s Word is VALUABLE... “more to be desired are they than gold” (vs. 10)

- Response: Prioritize spiritual wealth over material possessions

God’s Word is a DELIGHT... “sweeter also than honey” (vs. 10)

- Response: Approach Scripture with anticipation

God Speaks Through our Redemptive Transformation (vs. 12-14)

All sin brings bondage, but repentance brings freedom (vs. 13)

David’s response...Lifelong Transformational Journey with Jesus (vs. 14)

- Transformed in our WORDS
- Transformed in our HEART

² Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 123.