

## **The King's Treasure**

### **Psalm 19**

"I take this to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world."  
C.S. Lewis

We were created for glory.

**Just a glimpse of God's glory creates an ache for His glory to fill all the earth and all our lives.**

"The gravity and the vanity of life seize on us in turn. Now we are prompted to optimism, then to pessimism. Man weeping is constantly giving way to man laughing. The world stands in the sign of humor which has well been described as a laughter and a tear." Herman Bavinck

"Give me a man in love; he knows what I mean. Give me a man who yearns. Give me one who is hungry. Give me one far away in the desert, who is thirsty and sighs for the spring of the eternal country. Give me that sort of man. He knows what I mean about sovereign joy. But if I speak to a cold man, he just does not know what I am talking about." Augustine of Hippo

### **I. The Collective Voice of Creation: The Incomparable Glory of God**

#### **Psalm 19 :1-6**

##### **It is a constant proclamation:**

"Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge." (Psalm 19:2)

##### **It is a universal proclamation:**

"There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the ends of the earth." (Psalm 19:3-4)

##### **It is a joyful, reliable, life-giving proclamation:**

"In them (the heavens) he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like a strong man, runs its course with joy. It's rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat."  
(Psalm 19:5-6)

##### **Two problems:**

##### **We sin and suppress the glory of God.**

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." Romans 1:18

## **We suffer and question the glory of God.**

“And the Lord said to Job: “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.” Job 40:1,2

The human experience: We glory and we groan.

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.” Romans 8:18-23

“And as I was walking there, and looking up on the sky and clouds, there came into my mind so sweet a sense of the glorious majesty and grace of God, that I know not how to express. After this my sense of divine things gradually increased, and became more and more lively, and had more of that inward sweetness. The appearance of everything was altered; there seemed to be, as it were, a calm, sweet cast, or appearance of divine glory, in almost everything. God’s excellency, his wisdom, his purity and love, seemed to appear in everything; in the sun, moon, and stars; in the clouds, and blue sky; in the grass, flowers, trees; in the water, and all nature; which used greatly to fix my mind.” Jonathan Edwards

## **II. The Restorative Voice of Scripture : The Incredible Goodness of Yahweh.**

### **Psalm 19 :7-11**

In the Torah, God reveals himself as Yahweh – the God who created and upholds all things by the Word of His mouth and the God who has come to rescue, to redeem and to restore His people.

“The Lord (Yahweh) descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.”

Deuteronomy 34:5

- **The Law revives our soul.**

“the law of Yahweh is perfect, reviving the soul.”

- **Makes us wise:**

“the testimony is sure, making wise the simple.”

**Proverbs 1:22 “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple.”**

**Proverbs 7:7 “I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense.”**

- **Puts joy in our hearts:**

“the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;”

- **It is pure – It enlightens our eyes.**

“the commandment of the Lord is **pure**, enlightening the eyes.”

- **The fear of the Lord is clean**

“the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.”

- **They are completely true and completely righteous.**

“The rules of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.”

- **They are supremely precious and valuable.**

“More to be desired than gold, even much fine gold;”

- **They are supremely pleasant and pleasurable.**

“sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.”

- **It rewards us - His Law protects and prospers.**

“Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.”  
(Psalm 19:11)

### **III. The Desperate Voice of David: Who Can Save Me From My Sin?**

Psalm 19 :12-14

“Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.”

Psalm 19:12-14

“Is the law contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Jesus Christ, you are all sons of God, through faith.”

Galatians 3:21-26

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 4:6

“Cheer up! You're a worse sinner than you ever dared imagine, and you're more loved than you ever dared hope.”

**Jack Miller**