

LESSON 8

THE PERFECT LAW OF THE LORD

Psalm 19

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- ²Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- ³There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
- ⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

WELCOME: *Fixing Our Focus*

Leader: Ask the group if God's greatness can be seen in creation. Then ask them to share which among God's creations best reveals to them his greatness and let them explain their choice.

WORSHIP: *Adoring Our God*

Suggested songs:

God of Wonders by Mark Byrd and Steve Hindalong

How Great Thou Art by Stuart K. Hine

WORD: *Understanding the Word*

Introduction

We have been so used to the idea that we can know God or because we are Christians, we should know him. There's definitely nothing wrong with that. But when was the last time that we stopped and took the time to immerse ourselves with the truth that God has made himself known to us? Yes! The One True God who made the heavens and the earth is making himself known to finite beings like us!

Psalm 19 speaks of the God who reveals himself through his

creation and through his spoken and written words. It speaks of the wonders that affect one's life and the psalmist response as he reflects on the glory and work of his Lord.

Leader: Lead in reading Psalm 19 aloud together. Then read the paragraph on the "Key Verse."

Key Verse: The psalm starts with, "the heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork" (v. 1). It immediately speaks of a God who wants to reveal himself to the world. This helps focus on God himself and his desire to be known not just through his creation but also through his Word that man can know God and respond to him accordingly.

Psalm 19:1-6. Theme: _____

Underline words that speak to the idea of God showing himself through his creation. Try to draw below the imagery that these verses are trying to portray.

1. In Genesis, we saw God as the Creator of everything. In this psalm, we read that through his creation he is communicating himself. What characteristics of God are displayed in verses 1-6?
2. What do these characteristics say about who God is?

In the space above, write what you think is the theme of verses 1-6.

Psalm 19:7-11. Theme: _____

Circle the words that are synonymous to "God's Word."

1. What words were used to describe the Word of God?
2. How did the Word of God does affect the psalmist?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:21. What do these verses say about God's Word?

In the space above, write what you think is the theme of verses 7-11.

Psalm 19:12-14. Theme: _____

1. What idea is repeated in verses 12-13?

2. What does this idea say about the psalmist?

3. What do these two verses say about God?

4. How did God use the psalmist's experience of God's creation and of his Word to respond him?

In the space above, write what you think is the theme of verses 12-14.

WALK: *Applying the Word*

Questions for Adults

1. This psalm is so full of descriptions of how creation declares the glory of God and proclaims his work on a daily basis. Identify the glorious things around you that God created and other things built by man through God's gift of wisdom and creativity. Thank God for these.
2. In verse 10, the psalmist's encounter with God through the written Word was described as to be desired more than fine gold and sweeter than honey. What changes will you make in your schedule starting this week so that you could allot some undivided time with God? How may the Growth Group help you?
3. To know Christ and to make him known, we must immerse ourselves in his Word. Check which of the following are you ready to commit to doing this week:
 - Read the Bible for my personal spiritual nourishment
 - Memorize Bible verses
 - Study the Bible with a group
 - Live out lessons from the Bible in my daily life

___ Use God's Word in my prayers

___ Share what I am learning from the Bible with others

Others: _____

4. Individually and as a group, pray back this psalm to God. You could start by saying something like:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, oh Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

As your Word speak to me and your creation shows me wonders of who you are...

5. Pray for GCF (Prayer requests supplied by the Leader).

Questions for the Youth

1. When we observe artwork, read a book, or watch a movie, we sometimes feel a certain connection with either the artist, what the artist/author/director is trying to portray, or a character in the story. Share with the group an experience you've had of being able to connect strongly with something or someone.
2. In the same way that we can have a connection through artwork or story, we can also have a connection with God either through creation, our conscience, or his Word. God can reveal himself through any of these. Share with the group an experience where God revealed himself to you.
3. Often, we become aware of blemishes on our face because of looking in a mirror. Similarly, the Bible often acts as a mirror of our lives and we become aware of our blemishes through it. What can you do to develop a habit of spending time meditating upon God's Word?

Questions for Children

1. What is our instruction manual for living? Where do we go when we need to know more about God?
2. Faith means taking God at his Word or trusting whatever he says is true. List down a promise or an encouragement from the Bible. Make sure to memorize the verse!
3. David prayed in verse 14 that his thoughts and words be pure and pleasing to the Lord. Are there things that you think or do that are not right in God's eyes? Ask God for forgiveness and ask him to help you live for him.

4. How is your personal time or quiet time with the Lord? Do you spend time with him in prayer and in reading his Word? Remember the song, “Read your Bible pray every day and you grow, grow, grow.” If you having difficulty with reading the Bible, ask help from your Sunday School teacher and from your parents and guardians.