

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

PSALM 19

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Psalm nineteen is packed with theology of how God reveals Himself to mankind. If you were in a seminary class of systematically studying Bible doctrine, you would study Psalm nineteen as it relates to general and special revelation. Not the "Book of Revelation" but revelation of the character, nature, and work of God. If God did not reveal Himself to man, no one could know Him, because He is above us. He is the creator. We are the creation. He is infinite. We are finite. I think you get the picture. He is transcendent, wholly different than any created person, thing, or form of reality.

Psalm nineteen begins throughout the first half, verses 1-6, speaking of the how the creation itself bears witness to its creator and the glory of the creation reveals something of the glory or splendid nature of God Himself. This is expanded upon by the great Jewish rabbi, Saul of Tarsus, in the New Testament Book of Romans. In Romans 1:18 through the end of the chapter, Paul the Apostle explains the creation bearing witness of God's nature and even something of the tri-unity of His person, the Godhead. Nature itself is a beautiful display of the order and design of God. Everything in heaven and earth

has a purpose. This shows even a non-believer that there is a creator, so that anyone and everyone is without excuse as it relates to whether there is a God or not.

The last half of Psalm nineteen speaks of specific or special revelation God has given to mankind, so that we might know Him personally. The Law of God, another term for the entire Bible, is perfect and is able to convert or change a person. God's Words as revealed in Scripture are life-giving and have power to change one's life and direction (I Peter 1:22-25). There is a promise of blessing to those who find the study and keeping of God's law.

"They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward." (Psalm 19:10-11)

Prayer and Action Steps

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer." Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?
