

BBC Bible Study Outline – 3/23/25 – The Revelation of God – Part 1

Psalm 19:1-6

Read Psalm 19:1-6.

- Question: *What stands out to you initially?*

Psalm 19 is about God's revelation of Himself to mankind, presented in 2 ways.

1. General (natural) revelation (v. 1-6)
2. Special revelation (v. 7-11)

These six verses deal with General Revelation in “the heavens” in particular. What are “the heavens”?

- **Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”**
- In the KJV and some other translations, this is translated “heaven” (singular).
- The Hebrew word for “heaven(s)” in the Old Testament is *samayim* and is always used in the plural or “dual” form, meaning something that is thought of in a pair, like ears, or eyes.
- The idea of “heavens” comprises (1) the physical skies above us – including both our atmosphere and outer space – and also (2) the dwelling place of God such as referenced in 1 Kings 8:30.

Psalm 19 is clearly referencing the physical heavens of the skies and its contents that are above us.

- For further creation account details **read: Genesis 1:6-8, 14-19, 31**

But what God initially created as good did not stay good. When Lucifer rebelled in Heaven and took a third of the angels with him, he was soon at work on the earth, deceiving and leading Eve into sin and shortly after, Adam also disobeyed God's command and we have what we now call “the Fall.”

Through the fall, all of Creation was affected and Romans 8:20, 22 tell us that the whole creation “groans.”

Paraphrased: Sin messes stuff up!

Yet even in this messed up, sin-cursed world, God's wonder and majesty are evident.

1. The Visible Declaration of the Heavens (v. 1-2)

Ps. 19:1a “The heavens declare the glory of God”

This opening line introduces and summarizes the whole section of 6 verses.

- Humans were made to worship and do worship. Satan's perversions seek to have us worship anything but the true God, including the heavenly bodies of the sun, moon, and stars. This has been evident throughout history and there is a spiritual significance to them.
 - **Read Deut. 4:19**

Psalm 19:1b “And the firmament shows His handiwork.” – synonymous parallelism to the first line

- The verbs “declare” and “shows” in the Hebrew indicate ongoing action. They keep declaring and showing!

Psalm 19:2 “Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.”

The heavens, day or night, continue to tell of the greatness and knowledge of God.

- **Read Job 38:1-2, 12-13, 19-20, 31-35**

2. The Universal Witness of the Heavens (v. 3-6)

Ps. 19:3-4a

These “voice” of the heavens speaks to everyone, everywhere, and it is saying something in particular!

- **Read Rom. 1:20; Ps. 14:1**

Ps. 19:4b-6

But there must be more... is there? Yes! He has not only provided General Revelation, but Special Revelation too.

Ps. 19:7-12