

## BBC Bible Study Outline – 3/30/25 – The Revelation of God – Part 2

### Psalm 19:7-14

Read Psalm 19:1-6.

This revelation of God in the physical universe is commonly called: General Revelation.

But is it enough to really know God? Is there anything more?

God has given us more! He has not only given us the “world-book” to read, but also the “Word-book.”

The Word of God is the primary means by which God has chosen to reveal Himself to mankind. This is often called:

Special Revelation

Read: Psalm 19:7-9.

This section is made up of 6 poetic lines that follow a particular structure of:

- A poetic designation for the Word of God, each accompanied by the phrase “of the Lord”
- A one-word description of what God’s word is – \*except for in the last line where there’s a double description
- A stated dynamic of what effect this has on a searching (reading) believer

#### 1. Psalm 19:7a “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul”

- The designation (what it’s called): the law of the Lord
- The description (what it is): perfect – free from all error, blameless
- The dynamic (what it does): converts the soul
  - Conversion: reviving or bringing back
  - People are made up of a trichotomy (body, soul, and spirit) and the Word of God here can convert the soulThe soul is often described as the “personality” made up of the intellect, emotions and will. While our spirit, prior to salvation, is dead and needs life (Eph. 2:1-6), after salvation, our soul is still in need of being changed (converted). The Word of God can do that!  
Read: James 1:18 (salvation/regeneration) and James 1:21 (sanctification)

#### 2. Psalm 19:7b “The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple”

- The designation (what it’s called): the testimony of the Lord
  - Root word of “testimony” is the word “witness”, speaking of one who has seen something.  
Question: *What has the Lord seen?*  
(Gen. 1:1; Prov. 15:3; Job 28:24; Jer. 23:24)
- The description (what it is): sure
  - Sure = 100% accurate
- The dynamic (what it does): makes the simple person wise

#### 3. Psalm 19:8a “The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart”

- The designation (what it’s called): the statutes of the Lord
  - Statutes – specific commands or ordinances (things we’re told to do or not do)  
Question: *What are some statutes of the Lord you know?*
- The description (what it is): right
- The dynamic (what it does): rejoices the heart

#### 4. Psalm 19:8b “The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes”

- The designation (what it’s called): the commandment of the Lord
  - “Commandment” = the whole of God’s instructions
- The description (what it is): pure
- The dynamic (what it does): enlightens the eyes
  - Read Ephesians 1:17-18a and 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

## 5. Psalm 19:9a “The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever”

- The designation (what it’s called): the fear of the Lord
  - A descriptive name for the word of God which also includes the effect it has on the reader.
- The description (what it is): clean
  - Clean = ethically pure
- The dynamic (what it does): endures forever
  - Read **Psalm 119:89** and **Matthew 24:35**

## 6. Psalm 19:9b “The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether”

- The designation (what it’s called): the judgments of the Lord
  - “Judgments” – a legal word that means a judge’s verdict
- The description (what it is): true and righteous
  - Read **Romans 2:2** and **Revelation 16:5, 7**

In all six of these lines, the descriptions of the Word of God are all also descriptions of God.

He is:

- Perfect (as in without blemish and free from error)
- Sure (as in He’s totally trustworthy)
- Right (in very way)
- Pure (again as in having no impurities)
- Clean (as in ethically and morally pure)
- True and righteous altogether

But in the 6<sup>th</sup> and final line, there is no dynamic given – no application made... could it be we are to make the application ourselves?

If the Word of God is His primary method of revealing Himself to us and it is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, and true and righteous... *how ought I to respond to it? What ought I to do with something so good and wonderful and revealing and that I am to be held accountable for?*

David, having written of the General Revelation of God in His Creation and the Special Revelation of God in His Word is going to make some concluding statements, applications, and a prayer. We can certainly make it ours as well.

**Psalm 19:10-14**

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;**

**Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

**11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.**

**12 Who can understand his errors?**

**Cleanse me from secret faults.**

**13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;**

**Let them not have dominion over me.**

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

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.**

What a great way to end this wonderful psalm on the revelation of God to mankind – seeking His cleansing and striving to be pleasing to Him. He is a good and loving God Who has our best in mind and has given us His Word to know Him more.

In light of this, what do you need to do today?