

Scriptural Background: Psa 19

"1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork...."

Psa 19:1

Psalm 19 is a tour de force first of general revelation (vv1–6), God's gracious self-disclosure in creation, which is sufficient for judgment (Rom 1:20), and then of special revelation (vv7–11), God's far more specific self-communication in Scripture, which is necessary and sufficient for salvation (2 Tim 3:15). We have turned from God, exchanging what is superior for what is inferior, and simply what has been given in nature is enough to hold us accountable for that folly. Only through God's Word can we be revived, made wise, enlightened, and purified again. How we ought to delight in the Word of the LORD! But, how does one delight in law, really, especially when we know we are guilty? The answer is found in Jesus Christ: He is the Word of God made flesh (Jn 1:14), who satisfies the Law in our place and cleanses us from sin. In Him God is both our Redeemer and the Rock on which we stand. Scripture makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ. Through who He is and what He has done for us we come to delight in the Word of God again.

Prayer:

LORD God, "if You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, oh LORD, who could stand?" (Psa 130:3) I know that my sins, both hidden and known, are many. Thank You that with You there is forgiveness. Let that truth teach me to fear You and purify me to live forever with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.