

## **The God Who Speaks (Part 2)**

### **Psalm 19:8b-14**

#### 1. Introduction.

- a. Review of God's general revelation in creation (1-6).
- b. Review of God's special revelation in His Word (7-8a).
  - i. David gives six statements of God's Word, which are accompanied by six effects/benefits.
  - ii. The source of God's Word is His very character. His Word flows from Him.
  - iii. Today we'll look at the final three statements (8b-9), then finish out the Psalm (10-14).

#### 2. God's Special Revelation in His Word (8b-9).

- a. Statement 4 (8b).
  - i. The language of "clear" is a reference to aging eyes, as they are often accompanied by diminishing sight.
  - ii. God's Word brings clarity to confusion, giving meaning to chaos.
  - iii. The Word is an interpretive lens for everything that takes place in this world.
    1. Where many are groping to give meaning and make sense of this existence, God's Word always provides the answer.
    2. The Word transforms a person's perspective, giving them a clear understanding of this world and this life.
    3. As a person grows in the knowledge and skillful application of the Scripture, they begin to develop an increasing sense of right and wrong.
      - a. They discern wisdom from folly.

b. They become truly enlightened.

b. Statement 5 (9a).

i. The term “fear” is an Old Testament term for worship.

1. Fear is a disposition wrought from reverence and respect that has little to do with the worshiper, and everything to do with the object of worship.
2. The way it’s being used in this context is not so much to make a statement about the nature of Scripture, as much as what a proper view of Scripture will always produce in a person.

ii. The Word of God is the place where God’s nature and character is explicitly revealed.

1. We live a day where countless voices claim to know the mind, purposes, and will of God. However, they simply confuse those seeking to genuinely know God.
2. The Scripture is the only standard for God’s revelation of Who He is and what He desires.

iii. The idea of “clean” means that God’s Word is without blemish.

1. There’s no human defect.
2. The unstained nature of God’s Word is the reason it “endures.”
  - a. The Word is transcendent, crossing any culture at any time.
  - b. It has the ability to speak into any situation without defect.

c. Statement 6 (9b).

i. The point, here, is that God is the Judge for how things are, and He’s rendered His verdict. His Word is not up for debate because it is truth.

ii. The good news is God’s Word gives us everything we may need (cf. 2Pet 1:3).

1. Our only job is simply to know the truth, so that we might obey the truth.
  2. It's the only standard for true life and godliness.
- iii. An obedience to the truth of the Word produces a comprehensive righteousness.
1. As you live your life in accordance to God's design and Word, your life will begin to greater reflect His character—which is righteous.
  2. There is very little in this world that we can trust, much less discover, that can produce a true righteousness.
    - a. There's only one source for truth—the Word.
    - b. There's only one means for growing in godly righteousness—the Word.

### 3. The Application of God's Word (10-14).

#### a. V.10.

- i. A mark of one who truly possess the Spirit of God is they have a certain attitude toward God's Word—they see it as more valuable and sweet than anything in this world.
  1. They never stop desiring it.
  2. They never stop delighting in it.
- ii. Verse 10 is not a command by David, but a statement that shows the natural expression of person who knows what God's Word is and does.

#### b. V.11.

- i. When the Word is skillfully applied, it functions as both protector and provider.
- ii. The Bible warns on what to stay away from, but also provides counsel and what is good, right, and holy.

c. V.12.

- i. David states that no one has the ability to rightly discern their own soul.
  - 1. There is a level of depravity (i.e., “error”) in every person, yet no one truly knows the level of this corruption.
  - 2. As such, no one knows the solution to fix the broken condition of man. We need something outside of us to inform us of the solution to the reality inside of us.
- ii. This is the reason God’s Word is so precious and valuable.
  - 1. It provides perspective, judgment, and explanatory power to what we are and what we need (Heb. 4:12-13).
  - 2. Cf. Gen. 6:5.
- iii. Beyond rightly discerning what we are, the Word also provides the righteous solution to our problem of unrighteousness—it acquits us.

d. Vss.13-14—David’s prayer.

- i. David understands that God’s revelation comes with implications.
  - 1. Now that we know truth, we have no excuse.
  - 2. Now that we know what sin is, having been exposed to it through the Word, it is our duty to keep ourselves from that sin. The Word provides help and direction.
- ii. David is not arguing for salvation by law-keeping. He ultimately understands we are redeemed by YHWH—our Rock and Redeemer.
  - 1. The incarnate Word of God saves us (“Redeemer”).
  - 2. The inscripturated Word of God keeps us firm (“Rock”).

4. Conclusion.