

BOOK OF
PSALMS
CHAPTER 19

Psalms:

**Inspired songs and poems
that depict the heart of
the saints in each season
of life**

Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

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³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set

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a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

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and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure,

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making wise the simple; ⁸ the
precepts of the LORD are
right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the
LORD is pure, enlightening
the eyes;

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⁹ the fear of the LORD is
clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are
they than gold,

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even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and
drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your
servant warned; in keeping
them there is great reward.

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Declare me innocent from
hidden faults.¹³ Keep back
your servant also from
presumptuous sins; let them
not have dominion over me!**

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**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great
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**14 Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my
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sight, O LORD, my rock and
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- Verses 1-6 – God's self-revelation through creation
- Verses 7-11 – God's self-revelation through His word
- Verses 12-14 – David's response

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Heavens: Sky, Space, Spiritual dwelling place

Genesis 1:1, 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 26, 28, 30

Romans 1:20 (... things that have been made)

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Declare – Proclaim – Pour out speech – Reveal knowledge

V. 3-4 → This speech is universal

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The speech of creation reveals truths about God that, when understood rightly, ought to roll forward into His glory.

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Psalm 19:7-11

The subject is the word of the LORD

- The law of the LORD
- The testimony of the LORD
- The precepts of the LORD
- The commandment of the LORD
- The rules of the LORD

Psalm 19:7-11

This word is trustworthy

- **Verse 7 – is perfect ... is sure**
- **Verse 8 – are right ... is pure**
- **Verse 9 – are true and righteous**

Psalm 19:7-11

This word accomplishes something

- **Verse 7 – revives the soul – makes us wise**
- **Verse 8 – rejoicing the heart – enlightening the eyes**
- **Verse 9 – produces a right fear of God – righteous altogether**

Psalm 19:7-11

This word is valuable

- Verse 10a – better than gold ... a lot of gold
- Verse 10b – better than honey ... the good stuff

Psalm 19:7-11

This word guides outcomes

- Verse 11a – warns against sin
- Verse 11b – guides for reward

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- David's first response to God's self-revelation is repentance. – Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5), Job (42:5-6), Peter (Luke 5:8)
- David's first concern is hidden faults.

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What are presumptuous sins?

Romans 2:2-4

² We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. ³ Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

Romans 2:2-4

⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

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We either presume that we know better than God about what is in our best interest (consider Adam and Eve's transgression) or we presume that God will give us a pass for this sin.

Presumptuous sin is done knowingly and willfully.

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God's servant praying that sin not dominate them. Romans 6-7

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Verse 12-13 – Ceasing to violate relationship

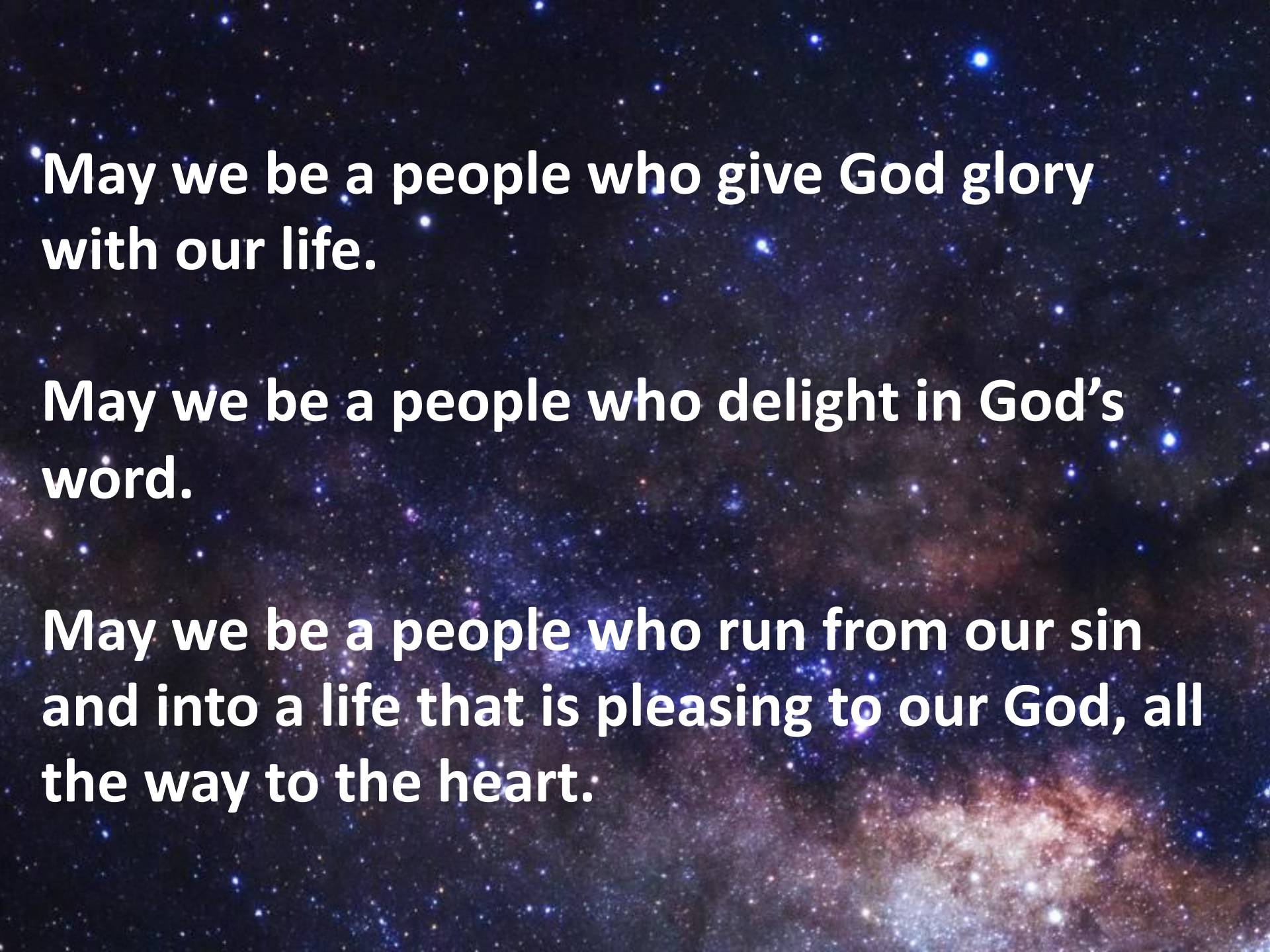
Verse 14 – Actively pleasing the Lord

Overview

- Verses 1-6 – God, revealed through nature, is powerful and wise.
- Verses 7-11 – God, revealed through His word, is not just judicial, but relational
- Verses 12-14 – David's response to an encounter with God is to be reconciled and transformed.

Psalm 19:14

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**May we be a people who give God glory
with our life.**

**May we be a people who delight in God's
word.**

**May we be a people who run from our sin
and into a life that is pleasing to our God, all
the way to the heart.**