

Series: Summer Psalms

Text: Psalm 19:1-14

HI: Knowledge of God exposes the sinner.

Title: *We Are Not Alone*

Hook: Not alone in the universe

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Purpose: To press the need of redemption at the feet of revelation.

FCF: Standing before God's creation and hearing from his word brings the Psalmist to his knees. Like David, when we truly come to terms with the God of all creation who has given us his law, we are crippled by our sin. The final note of the Psalm reveals that we can look to him as a rock and redeemer to cleanse us and make us whole.

COR: In a world where nature or the universe is viewed as the source of all life, God's word rings forth declaring that the Creator alone is to be worshipped. The Scriptures bear witness that the Creator of all things has made us to love and serve him.

Witness of Christ [WC*]: (Analogy): General revelation → Special revelation → Need for redemption; Creation → Law → Gospel

Apologetic: When you are awed by Mt. Hood, moved by the tides on Cannon Beach, or blown away in the Gorge, you are hearing the symphony of God's creation declaring his glory. When you read his Word, you are learning from the conductor how and why the notes that are played. When you cry out to him and receive redemption, you learn to play the instrument he has assigned to you.

Text Tone: Encouragement/Exhortation

Preaching Voice: Priestly (instructive)

Form: Inductive

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:7-10

Benediction: Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

Outline:

I. The business of creation is proclamation. (1-6)

A. Creation does not speak for itself. (1-2)

B. God's world tells a story without words. (3-4A)

C. The designer's imprint is inescapable. (4b-6)

II. The word of the Lord brings revelation. (7-11)

A. The Lord's word reveals his will. (7-9)

B. The Lord's word saves his people. (7-9)

C. The Lord's word supremely valuable. (10-11)

III. The soul of the sinner longs for redemption. (12-14)

A. David appeals for justification. (12-13)

B. David waits for God's redemption. (14)

Main Idea:

Subject: What does the Lord's revelation lead David to do?

Complement: Appeal for redemption.

Exegetical Idea: The Lord's revelation leads David to appeal for redemption.

Theological Idea: In response to revelation from the Lord, sinners see their need for redemption.

Homiletical Idea: Knowledge of God exposes the sinner.

Introduction:

READ Psalm 19:1-14

19 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

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.

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 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,
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,
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;

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,
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.

¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,
and 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 rock and my redeemer.

I. The business of creation is proclamation. (1-6)

Job 31:26-28:, ²⁶ if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendor, ²⁷ and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand, ²⁸ this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have been false to God above.

Sproul: “The world is a stage for God. He is the chief actor who appears front and center. No curtain can fall and obscure His presence. We know from one glimpse

of creation that nature is not its own mother. There is no such “mother” as Mother Nature.”

What though nor real voice nor sound;
Amid their radiant orbs be found;
In reason’s ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing as they shine,
‘The hand that made us is divine.’

Joseph Addison, 1712 – “The Spacious Firmament on High”

Alec Motyer: “The created order both tells and does not tell: it speaks to our intuitions, that there is a glorious God who created such marvels, but its message is limited—it cannot tell about him—and confusing, for the beauty of the hills tells one truth and the storm and volcano another.”

READ Psalm 19:7-11

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and drippings of the honeycomb.
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"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen not only because I see it but because by it I see everything else." C.S. Lewis

READ Psalm 19:12-14

12 Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

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and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

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Leviticus 1:3: If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord.

Romans 1:19-20

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 3:20-25

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been

manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Conclusion:

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