WEDNESDAY EVENING
AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: God is Speaking

Passage: Psalm 19

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Introduction: We live in a noisy world, surrounded by distractions. Even when we're sitting in church, our minds can be somewhere else entirely. Somewhere in the middle of the noise, we can find ourselves wishing God would speak to us or give us direction. But maybe the problem isn't that God hasn't been speaking. Maybe the problem is that we haven't been listening. In Psalm 19, David looks at creation, then at God's Word, and finally at his own heart. And every step of the way, God is speaking. Consider one simple question: Am I listening when God speaks?

I. **Look Up — God is Speaking** (Verses 1-6)

Creation is preaching a sermon every single day. Every sunrise says something about God. Every sunset says something about God. Every clear night when the sky is filled with stars says something about God. The sermon never stops.

We spend so much of our lives looking at what is wrong that we forget to look at the God who made everything around us. And the longer we stare at our problems, the bigger they become. God has surrounded us with reminders of Himself, but we've got to slow down long enough to notice them.

II. Open Up — God is Speaking (Verses 7-11)

God's Word knows exactly what we need. When my soul needs restoring, His Word can restore it. When I don't know what to do, His Word gives wisdom. When my heart is discouraged, His Word brings joy. When I can't see clearly, His Word turns the lights on.

Open His Word. Read it slowly enough to hear it. Believe what it says. Obey what it tells you. Let it encourage you when you're discouraged and correct you when you're wrong.

III. Clean Up — God is Speaking (Verses 12-14)

We are usually much better at seeing what is wrong with somebody else than we are at seeing what is wrong with us. We all have blind spots. That's why God's Word is so important. It doesn't just show me what is true about God; it shows me what is true about me.

David understood something we sometimes forget. Sin that I continually excuse eventually begins to control me. What starts as something I think I can handle can become something I can't seem to stop. So David doesn't ask God to help him manage it. He says, “Keep me from it.”

Conclusion: Psalm 19 reminds us that God has been speaking the whole time. Tomorrow morning, the sun will come up again. Tonight, the heavens will still declare His glory. His Word will still be sitting there waiting to be opened. And His Spirit will still use that Word to show us things in our hearts that need His attention. So maybe the question tonight isn't, “God, why don't You speak to me?” Maybe the better question is, “Lord, have I been listening?”