

**CP - 8/6/23**

## **Psalms of Summer - Psalm 19**

Jude 1:24 - "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy"

Psalm 121:7-8 - "The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

### **How does HE do this?**

Doctrine: Perseverance of the Saints, Preservation of the Saints

\*\*\*How does God preserve those who are HIs?

In the last 2 weeks, we've seen our need for God to do a work because of our sin.

- The nature of sin
- The consequence of sin
- Our appropriate response to our sin
- How we respond in our sin reveals our knowledge of God as Father and our understanding of the gospel.
- Is there a way for us to be proactive regarding sin, not just reactive?
- God will forgive because of Christ's work, but God can also transform a man's life because of Christ's work.
- We aren't meant to continue to live in that which Christ set us free from.
- Romans 6: How can we live in something that we have died to?
- I believe Psalm 19 helps us.

God has revealed Himself in 2 ways—in the world and in the Word

Break down of Psalm 19 this morning:

1. God's Revelation of Himself in the world (1-6)
2. God's Revelation of Himself in the Word (7-11)
3. God's Revelation of Man to himself through the Word (12a)
4. Man's Response to God's revelation of Himself in the world and Word (12b-14)

### **1. God's Revelation of Himself in the world (1-6)**

- to the choirmaster - this would have been sung, written by David
- Jesus would have sang this song.
- The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky his handiwork
  - Rather day or night, God is revealing Himself
  - No speech or words or voice = no matter where you are or what language you speak, the heavens declare the divine nature of God
  - Every square inch on this planet speaks to the existence of God

- Set a tent- a path or a line for it go
  - It is perfectly fixed right where it is
  - From its rising in the east to the setting in the west, it's declaring the glory of the Lord
  - The excitement for the sun to do what it was fixed to do
    - Like a bridegroom and a strong athlete waiting for his turn
    - Everything is touched by the sun, therefore everything beholds the glory of the Lord
- Why don't people believe in God then? There are not without testimony.
  - "The fool says in his heart that there is no God. (Psalm 14:1)
  - Romans 1:18-25
  - The mark of the break down of a culture and society

## **2. God's Revelation of Himself in the Word (7-11)**

- Make something clear about the intention of His Word in our lives
  - Not merely intellectual but transformational.
  - If you have knowledge of the Word yet still mistreat your wife, then you do not have understanding of the Word.
  - Study brings knowledge; the Spirit brings understanding.

### **- 6 Titles with 6 Benefits**

- **7a: "law" = divine instruction**
  - perfect means not incomplete
  - teaching man all he needs to live life to the fullest
  - manual on how to live life
  - perfect = all sided
    - nothing lacking or can be added
    - possesses everything/comprehensive
- **Benefit: Reviving the soul**
  - soul = inner man / the real person
  - Scripture is divine instruction, full comprehensive, and flawless for the soul of man.
  - revive = restore = transform
  - not superficial morality or external behavioral modification
  - It aims at the inner man and transforms the inner man.
- **7b: "testimony" ... sure... making wise the simple**
  - testimony - divine witness
  - God giving testimony to who He is, what He wills, requires, & will do.
  - It is sure (true)
    - reliable in every sense
    - able to be trusted/followed
    - guarantee to the one who trust
    - a sure word

- **Benefit: making wise the simple**
  - simple = earthly, not philosophical
  - root word for an open door
  - having the door of your mind wide open
  - undiscerning, immature in thinking, tossed around
  - “have an open mind”
  - the testimony of the Lord closes the door of the mind by giving it discernment
  - wise - practical - how we navigate the world
  - the Word of God takes an open, undiscerning mind and teaches it to close it by being discerning
  - knowledge and application
  - James 3:17 — “But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere”
  - Knowledge should never puff up.
  
- **8a: “precepts” ... right...rejoicing the heart**
  - precepts = strong word (statutes)
  - not suggestions or nice ideas or fleeting truths, but absolute
  - doctrines - a truth established, communicated, and understood
  - right - right path
  - Psalm 119 - “light to path, lamp to feet”
  - This is how we navigate this world full of pitfalls and darkness and despair.
  - Full of the attacks of the enemy... through the precepts.... Word of God
  - What does it do? Rejoices the heart
  - Joy comes from the word understood and applied
  - Joy in knowing I don’t have to figure this thing out
  - Joy in knowing that I’m not God but He is..
  - This is what hold us... not what we hold....
  
- **8b: “commandments” ...pure... enlightening the eyes**
  - commandment - divine decree/mandate
  - authoritative, sovereign, binding, not optional demands of God
  - pure - clear
  - loosed, transparent, understandable, accessible
  - gives clear direction for life (not dark or muddy)
  - it is clear and understandable
  - no excuse for the believer to not know the Word
  - get in it and it’ll get in you
  - think about all we understand in this world by understanding Scripture
  - life/death/sin/family/history/etc...

- **9a: “fear” ...clean....enduring forever**
  - fear - divine worship
  - manual for worshipping gGod
  - teaching us how to worship Him
  - clean - free from error/corruption/defilement - inerrant
  - pure - evidence is that it endures forever
  - this is what we build our life own
  - it testifies to its own eternity
- **9b: rules....true....righteous all together**
  - rules - divine judgment/verdict
  - true - absolute
  - what it says about anything and everything is true... regardless
  - righteous all together
  - comprehensive righteousness

**\*\*Because of this, they are greatly to be treasured**

- Man knows salvation.
- Man knows God.

**\*11b: Notice that you don't get rewarded by your obedience, the keeping is the reward**

### **3. God's revelation of man to himself through the Word (12a)**

- Who can discern is own heart? The Bible does that for us.

### **4. Man's response to God's revelation of Himself in the world and Word (12b-14)**

- Their response is a plea in v. 12b-14
  - Declare me innocent of hidden faults (12)
  - Keep me from willing sins (13a)
    - Sin of commission - doing what God forbids
    - Sin of omission - not doing what God commands
    - So they won't have dominion over me
  - Let my words and my heart mediation be acceptable in your sight
- Here we have some great help:
  - We don't just have to be reactive to sin, we can be proactive.
  - How?
    - Prayer
    - The Word
    - Submission to the Spirit (He will always lead you to righteousness)
    - The Church
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- **We have something that David did not, the Holy Spirit indwelling us.**
- **We also have the complete, inspired Word of God.**
- **Put those two together with a steady prayer life in the context of community, and God provides everything we need to live a victorious life.**