

SHOW AND TELL

Psalm 19

God reveals Himself through his creation and his commands

I. THROUGH HIS CREATION, GOD SHOWS US HIS GLORY (1-6)

- The revelation of God in His world

A. God's CANVAS (1)

1. The heavens - Space > Declare His glory
2. The firmament - Skies > Show his handiwork > creative fashioning

B. God's CLOCK (2)

- Day and night speak of God and reveal His intricate design

C. God's COMMUNICATION (3-4a)

1. His communication is visual, without words or language (3a)
2. His communication is universal (3b-4a)

D. God's CONTROL > The Sun (4b-6)

1. The Sun's Place (4b) > provided by God
2. The Sun's Power (5) > Heroically going forth with strength and vitality
3. The Sun's Path (6a) > Daily rising and setting
4. The Sun's Penetration (6b)

E. God CONSCIOUSNESS

1. The people of the earth know God's glory through creation (v.1)
2. The people of the earth know God's deity through creation (Rom.1:18-20)

II. THROUGH HIS COMMANDS, GOD TELLS US HIS GUIDELINES (7-14)

- The revelation of God in His Word

A. The REALITY of the Law (7-9)

1. It is Exceptional!
 - a. God's instructions are intact and unobjectionable (7a)
 - b. Yahweh's reminders or warning signs are reliable (7b)
 - c. The Lord's orders meet the standard of excellence, they fit properly (8a)
 - d. The claims of God are excellent and unadulterated (8b)
 - e. The awesomeness of Yahweh is genuine and preserved (9a)
 - f. The justice of the Lord is permanent and therefore cannot be amended or faulted (9b)

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2. It is Transformational
 - a. It restores the soul (7a)
 - b. It makes the simple wise (7b)
 - c. It rejoices the heart (8a)
 - d. It enlightens the eyes (8b)
3. It is Personal
 - a. The law affects the soul (spirit)
 - b. The law affects the mind (intellect)
 - c. The law affects the heart (emotions)
 - d. The law affects the eyes (physical)

B. The REACTION to the Law (10-11)

1. It is Desirable (10a)
 - a. More valuable than gold
 - b. Note King Solomon's request in I Kings 3:3-9
2. It is Enjoyable (10b)
 - a. Better than the sweetest honeycomb
 - b. See Jer. 15:16
3. It is Beneficial (11a)
 - a. It warns of the dangers of sin and folly
 - b. Consider Josh. 23:6-8
4. It is Motivational (11b)
 - a. There is reward for obedience
 - b. See Josh.1:8

C. The RESPONSE to the Law (12-14)

1. Refresh Me (12)
 - Declare me exempt from the punishment I deserve
2. Restrain Me (13)
 - a. The practice of sin
 - b. The potential for sin > It can dominate and enslave me
 - c. The putting away of this sin
 - A desire to be blameless and innocent
3. Review Me (14)
 - a. My prayer: Let my words and thoughts be acceptable to the Lord
 - b. My partner: The Lord who is my Rock of refuge and Redeeming deliverer

CONCLUSION:

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1. God's world shows His glory > He is God!
2. God's Word tells His guidelines > He seeks godliness

Will we look and listen to what God shows and tells?

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