

The Revelation Of God

Psalm 19

Intro: Moved by the observation that the heavens, under the dominating influence of the sun, continually declare the splendor of God's handiwork, David, the psalmist (by comparison) describes the dominating influence of the Law of Yahweh which enlightens him, and then prays for complete cleansing so that his life would be acceptable before Yahweh, "his Rock and his Redeemer (*go'el*)."

I. The Revelation Of God (*el*) In Nature: *Silent Witness* vv. 1-6

The opening movement of this psalm makes it clear that **God reveals His glory through His creation**. God has designed into creation a perpetual demonstration of His power that calls forth praise to His Almighty Name.



II. The Revelation Of Yahweh In Scripture: *Sacred Witness* vv. 7-11

A. Revelation from God's Word (vv. 7-9)

	Title	Attribute	Effect
v. 7	The Law of Yahweh (<i>Torah</i>) The testimony of Yahweh	is perfect, is sure,	<i>restoring the soul;</i> <i>making wise the simple.</i>
v. 8	The precepts of Yahweh The commandment of Yahweh	are right, is pure,	<i>rejoicing the heart;</i> <i>enlightening the eyes.</i>
v. 9	The fear of Yahweh The judgments of Yahweh	is clean, are true,	<i>enduring forever;</i> <i>they are righteous altogether.</i>

B. Reaction to God's Word (vv. 10-11)

1. The Word of God warns David of evil (11a)
2. Obeying the Word of God brings great reward (v. 11b)

III. The Revelation Of Yahweh In Experience: *Spiritual Witness* vv. 12-14

A. The request (vv. 12-13)

1. Acquit me of my hidden faults (v. 12)
2. Keep me from presumptuous sins (v. 13)

B. The result (v. 14)

Application: Psalm 19 describes: The communication process between God and man.

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are needed to see this picture.

God speaks to us on the left side of the diagram through his world and his word. We have called this natural revelation and special revelation.

We speak to God on the right side of the diagram. Our prayer is a response to His word, His special revelation. Our praise is a response to his world, His natural revelation. Of course we can also praise him for things we learned about Him from His word, but most of the praise in the Psalms is about God's work in creation.

Christ is central to this whole process. He is the Final revelation. He is our intercessor. We go to God through Him. We pray in Jesus' name. [John 1](#): says that the light came into the world and was the light of men.... Jesus was the creator and has enlightened every man through creation (natural revelation) and he came in person (special revelation).

When Satan wants to attack this process and keep us from worshipping God, where does he start? Does he come into the church and have demons disrupt the service? Not usually. That would more than likely motivate Christians to stand strong against him. He is more subtle than that. Instead, he works on destroying the left side of the circle.