

## JESUS, THE PERFECT REVELATION

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### Psalm 19

The Perfect Revelation of the Lord  
To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, o Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

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My Bible entitled this Psalm, that is, Psalm 19 as, "The Perfect Revelation of the Lord". David begins this Psalm speaking of the revealing of God's handiwork through His creation. The sun, moon, and stars, the constant regular motion of their movements from day to day, month after month, and year after year, all speak of an intelligent design, an intelligent Creator. In speaking of the sun, David mentions that nothing is hidden from its heat. While that may seem like the reason I chose to read this Psalm for today, as it is rather pertinent to our present situation of having day after day being over 100 degrees in the heat index, that actually just happened to be there. Call it a coincidence or perhaps we can get something out of that. But David says of God's testimony of it being His creation, "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament

shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

The title that has been added to David's Psalm, by the publisher of my Bible is, "The Perfect Revelation of the Lord". So what is that perfect revelation of the Lord, that David is referring to? While God's creation certainly reveals the handiwork of God and speaks of God's glory and majesty and power it doesn't necessarily speak of God's character, of who He is. Right in the middle of the Psalm, David says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

To someone who hasn't the wisdom that comes from God, that is, a discernment to know the ways of God and who God IS, that would possibly just sound like a bunch of rules and laws that one must follow in order to live and walk in the perfect revelation of God. I just gave the answer to what it is that IS the perfect revelation of the Lord. "the Lord is". Just as "God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " Once again, "The law **of the Lord** is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony **of the Lord** is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes **of the Lord** are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment **of the Lord** is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear **of the Lord** is clean, enduring forever; The judgments **of the Lord** are true and righteous altogether."

Praise the Lord God Almighty that we aren't expected to be righteous as God is righteous and to be holy as He is holy. Yes, His commandment says to be holy as He is holy, the Apostle Peter spoke of that. If we weren't able to meet that expectation of God to be holy before we came to believe on Christ what makes us think that we can just because we know OF Jesus, dying on the cross for our sins? Listen to what the Apostle Paul told the Corinthian church, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but **in the power of God**. However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden

wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us **through His Spirit**. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might **know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**" (1 Corinthians 2:1-12)

That right there could have been our lone passage for today, just as much as Psalm 19. By the way, Paul had written that right after he wrote, "But of Him [God] you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us **Wisdom** from God—and **Righteousness** and **Sanctification** and **Redemption**—that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:30-31) Paul didn't capitalize wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, but I do. When we say, "Jesus is my Savior", we would capitalize Savior, right. Same thing then, say it with me, Jesus is my Wisdom, Jesus is my Righteousness, Jesus is my Sanctification, Jesus is my Redemption! Do you believe that? THAT, is God's perfect Revelation to us, as it has been revealed to us by His Holy Spirit! What Paul is saying is what David was recognizing. King David recognized that what God is expecting of us is what can only come from Him. I'll repeat one more time what David said about that. "The law of the Lord is perfect, **converting the soul**; The testimony of the Lord is sure, **making wise the simple**; The statutes of the Lord are right, **rejoicing the heart**; The commandment of the Lord is pure, **enlightening the eyes**; The fear of the Lord is clean, **enduring forever**; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

When we stand before Jesus, He'll say one of two things, which can be found in **Matthew 25**. "[T]he King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'" "He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'"

Jesus told the Jewish leader, Nicodemus, that one must be born-again, meaning born of the Holy Spirit to inherit eternal life. It is first

revealed to us by the Holy Spirit that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that He did die on a cross for our sins, raised from the dead on the third day, conquering death, so that when we believe on Christ, we are forgiven of our sins, receive the Holy Spirit to be born-again, and we then begin that new life in Christ, walking in what He begins working in us. We are not earning our salvation by good works. We are doing good works because we are then children of God. The Apostle John tells us, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (**John 1:12-13**) The Apostle Paul further clarifies our role in being saved and then being a born-again child of God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (**Ephesians 2:8-10**)

King David recognized that His Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption can only come from the Lord God. It is now revealed to us that it is through God's only begotten Son and His giving of His Holy Spirit to work in us that we can be "holy as He is holy." David says, "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression."

You ever wonder if you are meeting up with God's expectations of you? I do. But I still am reminded of who is my Savior, my Lord, and my God. God wants to work in us who He is, to make us ultimately into the perfection that is in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord! Our responsibility is in not giving up that hope and promise from God that when we see Jesus we will be made like Him for we shall see Him as He is. We are to live our lives in holy reverence and fear as it is God working in us to will and to do for His good pleasure. (**Philippians 2:12-13**) As Paul also stated, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**)

God alone knows us for who we are where He is leading us and what He is doing in us. God isn't wanting us to just know His laws and follow a bunch of rules. He wants us to know Him and to have an intimate relationship with Him. Be assured brothers and sisters, you are not alone. I'll close with one of my favorite passages of Scripture that speaks of our fellowship with Christ, our fellowship together in Christ, and how God is working towards us becoming one in Christ.

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (**Ephesians 4:11-16**)

Our prayer today can be this, that we can more fully know and understand the Perfect Revelation of God that is our Savior and Lord Jesus the Christ. May we also be aware of the Revelation in Christ working in us not only to please God but to bless others. As David prayed, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, o Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." As You are making us into the very image of Christ, bringing us into the unity of the faith in Christ, may we all be filled with Your Spirit and bear fruit for the glory of God! AMEN.