

## Seeing God in Psalm 19

~Marvin Rosenberry

In Psalm 19, we see God in three ways. We see Him in creation, in His Word, and His work in our everyday life.

In God's creation, we see fantastic displays of His greatness and power. We have the sun, moon, and stars that set in their place each day. There is no place where the earth does not feel the heat from the sun, and no place where the earth does not see the light from the sun, moon, and stars. "There line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world."

We see creation in the four seasons of the year. In spring, we see new life beginning, green leaves on the trees, new vegetation springing forth. In summer, we watch the gardens and the crops in the fields produce food for mankind, and food for the beasts of the field. In the fall, we see beautiful changes in the leaves, which were green in the spring and now dying, they change to many different colors. Then we have winter, where scientists tell us that one snowflake differs from another—no two are the same. may God be praised for these glorious displays of His power and greatness.

Next, we see God in His Word and what His Word does for us. Through His Word, we find salvation when we allow His Word "to convert the soul." It enlightens our minds so that we can know and understand His will for our lives. It also brings rejoicing to our hearts and lives when we do what is right and follow His commands. It helps us to have a proper fear and reverence for Him and His Word. In His Word we find warnings of dangers that we need to be aware of as we travel life's pathway. As we respond properly to His leading, we have the promise of great reward. His Word is also more precious than fine gold. If we were able to dig gold in a mine for one hour and be able to keep what we mined, God's Word is still more precious because the gold will perish, but God's Word will last forever. Again think of honey on a warm toasted muffin or bagel and we think we have something really sweet. but God's Word is sweeter because it will last for all eternity. The muffin or bagel will last for just a very short time.

Lastly, in verses 12 and 13, we see God in our everyday life and experience. Everyday life is where we are tempted to sin and need to deal with these temptations each day. The Psalmist asks, "*Who can understand his errors?*" We are not always aware of failure. Sometimes we may do a good deed with a wrong motive and it is revealed to us later that our motive was wrong. Then through repentance, we can find peace and restoration through these experiences. The Psalmist also mentions "presumptuous sins" where we plan to sin or do wrong, thinking we will make it right later. but he asks the Lord to keep him from these times in his life, that they would not be a part of his experience. He said, "Let them not have dominion over me." The psalmist wanted to be righteous and innocent from the great transgression. This should be our prayer as well.

In closing, verse 14 needs to be the prayer of each heart that "*the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.*"

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