

*Ps 19.1-6—All Heaven Bears Witness to God*

**God's Two-fold Revelation, vv. 1-11**

- I. Verses 1-11 provide a profound statement of the Christian doctrine of divine revelation. God has revealed Himself clearly and infallibly to mankind in creation (vv. 1-6) and especially in Scripture (vv. 7-11).
  - A. These two media are referred to as general/natural revelation and special revelation, and together comprise the one revelation of the one God.
  - B. There's no contradiction between them, but it may be said that general revelation reveals the glory of God while special revelation reveals the grace of God.
  - C. This Psalm testifies that God's revelation in Scripture is the *only* means of salvation.
- II. Let us be thankful for God's revelation. When He could have left us in our sinful ignorance, His *world-book* tells us of His glory and excellence and His *Word-book* tells us of His grace in Jesus Christ. Have you read His books aright?

**The Revelation of God in Creation, vv. 1-6**

- I. Verse 1 is David's thesis for this section. The heavens and all they contain testify and proclaim the glory of their Creator.
  - A. The glory they reveal entails God's eternal existence, almighty power, majesty, infinite wisdom and goodness, absolute sovereignty, and infallible providence, Rom 1.20
  - B. This revelation is clear, plain, and unmistakable, Rom 1.19-20
- II. In particular, this revelation to mankind is:
  - A. Continuous, like a perpetual conversation that neither ends or repeats itself, v. 2
  - B. Inarticulate, v. 3. This revelation is God's sign-language, not to the ears (like Scripture) but to the eyes and heart.
  - C. Universal, v.4. No man can fail to see or understand its message about God. By this revelation God precludes any man from ever being an atheist or an agnostic.
- III. David contemplates the sun as a grand revealer of God's glory
  - A. Consider its majesty, v. 4
  - B. Consider its glory, v. 5

- C. Consider its vigor, v. 5
  - D. Consider its faithful coursing, v. 6
  - E. Consider its universal influence, v. 6
  - F. *Yet*, consider its God, v. 4. For all its majesty and might the sun is a creature, subject, just as much as the smallest insect, to the will and sustaining providence of its all-glorious Creator, God (cf. Josh 10.12-14; Isa 38.4-7)
- IV. Do you see God's glory in creation?
  - V. Inferences
    - A. Atheism and all forms of idolatry are utterly foolish, Ps 14.1; Rom 1.22-24
    - B. Since all men naturally perceive the revelation of God in creation, all those who turn their backs to Him are inexcusable, Rom 1.19-20. No man may justly claim to not know the one true living God.
    - C. Sin is blinding and damning. God's revelation is clear enough but sinful man suppresses it and refuses God worship, Rom 1.18. The recovery of man from sin *requires* the preaching of the Scriptures (Ps 19.7-11; Rom 10.17).

**Reflections for Application**

- I. The creation is not God, but was made by God, Gen 1
- II. Creation is both good and designed for our good because it was made by God who is good, 1Tim 4.4-5
- III. Creation's purpose is to bring glory to God, Rom 11.36. We have no right to use it in any other way than glorifies God.
- IV. God will sustain creation until Christ returns, cf. Rev 20-22.
- V. Take these directives:
  - A. Give thanks to God for His creation and for whatever part of it you enjoy in this life—it's a gift of His grace.
  - B. Follow creation's witness to God. It should fuel both your praise and your faith.
  - C. Use this world to get to heaven. This world is not your eternal home. It's a place and a season in which you're to prepare for eternity. Therefore use it to that end, Mk 8.36