

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
OCTOBER 20, 2021
PSALM 19

INTRODUCTION:

1. **GENESIS 1.26:** *“Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness”*
 - a) Being made in the image of God suggests moral purity. (2 Pet. 1.4)
 - b) Some suggest that we are inherently evil. “That’s just who I am.”
 - c) Evil comes because of decisions we make being influenced by the devil. (1 Pet. 5.8)
2. Psalm 19 helps us to see the greatness of God through the creation.

I. FOUR THINGS THAT GOD CREATED

- A. God created the heavens.
 1. **PSALM 19.1:** *“The heavens declare the glory of God.”*
 2. Heavens (shamayim): The plurality is often used in Hebrew for emphasis.
 - a) **GENESIS 1.1:** *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”*
 - b) The heavens refer to the vast expanse of outer space. (cf. Gen. 1.6-8)
 3. Declare (sapar): “To make a written record” [Strong] (cf. Luke 1.3)
- B. God created the firmament.
 1. **PSALM 19.1:** *“The firmament shows His handiwork.”*
 2. Firmament (raqia): “to spread out, to beat out.” [Strong]
 3. **PSALM 19.2,3:** The message that the creation is communicating is the glory of God.
- C. God created the Milky Way galaxy.
 1. **PSALM 19.4:** *“In them He has set a tabernacle.”*
 2. Tabernacle (ohel): “tent” A tabernacle is a temporary dwelling place. (2 Cor. 5.1).
 3. God placed this tabernacle in the heavens (outer space) and firmament (atmosphere).
- D. God created the sun.
 1. **PSALM 19.4:** *“In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun.”*
 2. **PSALM 19.5:** *“Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber.”* Glorious!
 3. **PSALM 19.6:** *“It rises from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end.”*

II. YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CREATOR

- A. The Creator of all things has given us a guide for how to live.
 1. **PSALM 19.7:** *“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul”*
 2. **PSALM 19.7:** *“The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”*
 3. **PSALM 19.8:** *“The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.”*
 4. **PSALM 19.8:** *“The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”*
 5. **PSALM 19.9:** *“The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever”*
 6. **PSALM 19.9:** *“The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”*
 7. **PSALM 19.10,11:** *“More to be desired...”*
- B. The shortcomings of humanity in keeping God’s law.
 1. **PSALM 19.12:** *“Who can understand his errors?”* Considering God’s greatness, we cannot comprehend how many ways we have failed Him. (Job 15.14-16)
 - a) **PSALM 19.12:** *“Cleanse me from secret faults.”* (cf. Heb. 9.7)
 - b) **PSALM 19.13:** *“also from presumptuous sins”* (cf. Heb. 10.26).
 2. **PSALM 19.14:** *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight.”* How? By keeping His commandments. (vs. 7-11)