

The Communication of the Creator – Part 2

Psalm 19

Introduction:

1. The wonders of creation point people to the fact that there is a God and that He is powerful. **Romans 1:20**
2. Psalm 19 teaches that creation is, in fact, a testimony to God. vs. 1
3. The "heavens" and the "firmament" speak of the solar system, wondrous stars, and galaxies that we can look up at and see. **One** of those stars is the sun. vs. 4-5
 - The sun is at the center of our solar system. The earth and other planets orbit around the sun. The earth is 92,960,000 miles away from the sun.
 - The sun is 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit on its surface and is a million times larger than the size of the earth. You could put 960,000 earths inside the sun.
 - And yet the sun is one of 200 to 400 billion stars in **our** galaxy. And our Milky Way galaxy is one of billions of galaxies in our observable universe.
 - The earth is suspended in space, traveling 66,000 miles per hour, rotating on its axis every 24 hours, and orbiting the sun.
 - The sun is the perfect distance from the earth to allow life. If it were any closer we would burn up; if it were any further away we would freeze. And, amazingly, the earth **stays** the perfect distance from the sun to preserve life on planet earth.
4. The theory of evolution is mankind's feeble attempt to explain away God and explain away the rather obvious. The vastness and exactness of creation didn't happen by random chance and random mutations.
 - This kind of intricate design speaks the obvious - there was a Creator behind it all. It is the handywork of a glorious Creator. **Genesis 1:14-19; Isaiah 44:24; Jeremiah 51:15; Zechariah 12:1**
 - Creation tells us that this God is glorious (in character) and this God is active (handywork). Creation speaks and gives knowledge that there is a God. vs. 2
 - Every person on planet earth can look up into the heavens and see the glories of God's marvelous creation. The person in China or in the jungles of Africa looks up and sees the same glorious creations that we see. vs. 3-4, 6
5. But while creation testifies that there is a God and that He is active, it does nothing to inform people as to what that God is thinking and what He is planning to do next.
6. So in this Psalm, David takes a shift in verse 7, and begins to talk about something wonderful and exciting. This powerful and glorious God has communicated **in writing** with the people of this earth. He has allowed people to see into His mind and heart.
7. David calls God's Word "*the law of the Lord.*" God communicated His desires and will for man through Moses. Moses wrote down God's law. This is what David is referring to in this psalm - the written covenant that God made with the nation of Israel.
8. Today, of course, God has given us further revelation. In fact, Paul said it was given to him to fulfill (complete) God's Word (**Colossians 1:25**). Today we have the completed Word of God. God has fully made known His will, which was once a mystery (**Ephesians 1:9**). God has revealed in writing His plan and purpose.

- God has made known (through the law and the prophets) His ultimate plan and purpose for creating the earth (the subject of prophecy).
 - God has also made known (through the apostle Paul) his ultimate plan and purpose for creating the heavens (the subject of the mystery).
9. The Word of God accomplishes what creation alone cannot accomplish.

The Word of God brings conviction. vs. 7a

1. The Word of God is perfect. This means that it is totally and completely true. Because it is true, it reveals very clearly where **we** are wrong. **Hebrews 4:12**
 - Truth is what reveals error. **1 John 3:4** states that "...*sin is the transgression of the law.*" To transgress carries the idea of stepping over a boundary.
 - **Illustration:** Policeman pulls you over for doing 48 miles per hour in a 40 zone. You say, "I wasn't speeding. The speed limit is 50 through here." He walks you back to a sign with big numbers that read 40.
2. This is what God's Word does. It brings the spiritual conviction necessary to reveal sin and cause a person to turn (convert) to God. **Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:24**
 - **Example:** Paul went into Thessalonica and gave them God's Word. What effect did God's Word have on these pagan people? They turned to God.
1 Thessalonians 1:9
3. Creation alone cannot do this. Creation alone simply produces guilt. People know there is a God and that they do things that aren't pleasing to Him. They wonder, "How can I appease this unknown God? How can I cause Him to be happy with me?"
 - Guilt - something inside you tells you that you are wrong in your actions, but you dismiss those feelings and continue doing it anyway.
 - Conviction - God's Word shows you clearly that you are wrong and you turn to God in faith with a desire to change.
4. People that simply have guilt either do nothing or they do ridiculous things in an effort to appease God. God's Word brings conviction and the knowledge on how they can intelligently turn to God and be brought into a right relationship with Him.
1 Peter 1:23

The Word of God brings spiritual wisdom. vs. 7b

1. God's Word is "sure." This simply means that it is firm and trustworthy.
 - If somebody is rock climbing, we would say, "Make **sure** your safety belt is on tight."
 - If you are on a high ladder, you would say, "Make **sure** the ladder is stable."
 - God's Word is **sure**. It is completely firm and reliable.
2. Because it **is** sure, it is able to make wise the simple.
 - Somebody who is "simple" is easily deceived and foolish. You've heard the expression, "He is simpleminded." Some people are very intelligent in other areas, but very foolish and simple when it comes to spiritual things.
 - **Example:** the people of Athens in Paul's day had set up an altar to the "*Unknown God.*" Paul said, "*Whom...ye ignorantly worship.*" (**Acts 17:23**) I am sure that many of these people were brilliant people, but when it came to worship and the things of God, they were simple or ignorant as Paul puts it.

3. Creation alone only brings confusion, not wisdom. People know there is a higher being, a Creator, but "What does He expect from me? What does He want me to do?"
 - Or, people begin to ignorantly worship the creation (the sun, moon, and stars). **Deuteronomy 4:19; cf. Romans 1:25**
4. The entrance of God's Word gives understanding to the simple. **Psalm 119:130; 2 Timothy 3:15**
 - If you are simpleminded when it comes to cooking, get a good cookbook and learn the right way to cook. If you are simpleminded when it comes to repairing your car, get some good books on auto mechanics. But if you want to understand about God and spiritual things that pertain to your soul and spirit, it is God's Word that will give you that understanding.

The Word of God brings joy. vs. 8a

1. The word "right" means "straight."
 - Have you ever heard somebody say, "Shoot straight with me." Or how about this, "He sure is crooked."
2. God's Word is straight. It is reliable. You can fully trust it and believe it.
3. Creation alone can't bring a sustained joy. Without God's Word, it leads to discouragement because people think, "I know there is a God, but I don't know how to reach Him or talk to Him."
4. But God's Word brings a joy from within that is sweeter than honey. vs. 10
 - **Illustration:** Samaria - **Acts 8:4, 8;** cf. **1 Thessalonians 1:6**
5. The God of this universe has communicated with you. As you read His Word and study it, it will rejoice your heart. **Jeremiah 15:16**

The Word of God brings light. vs. 8b

1. What is the spiritual state of people who are lost in their sins? They are in darkness (**Ephesians 4:18**). How do they get out of the darkness?
2. Some religious systems teach that God must mysteriously regenerate them in their inner man and bring upon them irresistible grace, and **then** they will have light to be saved.
3. But what does God's Word say? Read verse 8b. **Psalm 119:130** says that the entrance of God's words bring light. The truth of God's Word is the light that dispels the darkness.
4. This is why **Romans 10:17** says that faith comes, not through the mysterious working of God, but by **hearing** God's Word.
5. If the Creator had never communicated with mankind and if He also wanted human beings to be a part of His family, then He **would** have to mysteriously and sovereignly choose certain ones to be with Him.
6. But He **has** communicated with mankind. He has given His Word and His Word provides the light needed for anybody to be convicted of his sins and to turn to God in faith.
7. Faith comes by hearing God's Word. Paul said, "*The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart.*" **Romans 10:8**

In Conclusion:

1. God's Word does what creation alone cannot do.
2. Christian - God's Word provides these things for you in your daily life. God's Word provides conviction when you stray from God's precepts, wisdom so that you can make good decisions, true joy from within, and spiritual light to direct your steps.
3. But God's Word does you no good on a practical level when you do not desire it and long for it. vs. 10-11
4. When God's Word gets inside of you, notice what happens in verse 14. As Paul said, "*the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.*" **Colossians 3:16**