

## MONDAY – The Sky is Saying Something

Do you remember which Psalm we learned about last week? This week we are focused on another Psalm (song) that also celebrates God as creator and ruler over creation. But first, think about your favorite piece of technology. That device probably has a mark on it representing a brand. A piece of technology, just like a piece of art, shows us something about the designer, company, or artist who made it.

Read Psalm 19:1. What is telling about God’s glory and showing off God’s creative ability?

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Read Psalm 19:2-4. You may have an alarm that makes noise in the morning or you may hear the sound of birds in the morning, but when the earth turns so that we are in daytime—there’s no sound. When the earth turns again and we see a spectacular sunset—there’s no sound. Day and night don’t say anything and yet—they do.

Here’s the facts: The sun comes up to give us light and warmth. The sun goes down to give us dark to sleep with a beautiful moon and stars. These things are obvious and visible to everyone on the planet. When we look up at the sky and see the sun or moon and stars, these things should remind us that God created them for us. He is watching over us to care for us and provide for us.

Did you catch the metaphor in verse 5? A metaphor is a way for a speaker or writer to talk about one thing by talking about something else. To say that the heavens (sky) is like a tent kind of makes sense. If you are inside a tent and look up—you see the roof of the tent. When we are earth and look up, we see the sky.

A simile is like a metaphor. It compares one thing to another and often uses the words *like* or *as*. What would you write for a simile that starts out--I was as hungry as . . .

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Read Psalm 19:5-6. What two simile’s or comparisons do you see?

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Have you ever seen a bride and groom look at each other on the day they get married? They practically glow. The sun is radiant.

The sun is like a runner who stays on the right course and completes the race. Of course, it is the earth that is turning, but it looks to us like the sun makes a daily run across the sky. And while the sun is making that journey—it give us the light and heat we need to survive and thrive. Have you thanked God for giving you the light and warmth of the sun every day of your life?

## TUESDAY – Two Ways God Speaks

Imagine a parent or a teacher tells someone your age to do something that person does not want to do. What are some ways you know of to communicate that you are not pleased—even if you never say anything out loud?

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You can make your face look surprised, or hurt, or angry all without saying a word. We call that non-verbal communication. When God wanted to get a message across to us, he used all of creation as a way to talk to us without using words. That's what Psalm 19:1-6 is talking about.

Read Romans 1:20. What 2 things can be seen about God through what he has made?

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Just looking at the world God created lets us know that there is a God and that He is powerful. Those are two important things to know—which is why God communicates them. However, if we are ever to personally know God and know more about what he is like—we need his words.

Read Psalm 19:7 tells us that God's law (word) is perfect and can be trusted. What 2 things does this verse say that God's word can do for us?

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Where are areas in your life where you could use God's strength to refresh your soul?

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All of us are childish until we learn wisdom. How do you think God's word makes childish people wise?

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Where could use wisdom in your life? In relationships? In learning? In managing yourself?

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## WEDNESDAY – God’s Perfect Word

Read Psalm 19:1-7. What are the two ways God is communicating with us?

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Read Psalm 19:8. What do God’s right rules (his Word) give to our heart?

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On a scale of 1 to 10 (1= sad; 10 = as joyful as humanly possible) where are you today? Explain.

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Psalm 19:8 tells us that God’s commands (found in his Word) shine brightly. What does this verse say that God’s commands can do for us?

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Have you ever been inside a cave or somewhere without any light? Our eyes don’t work without light. God’s Word is the spiritual light that allows us to see spiritual truth. Without God’s Word shining like a light, we will stay lost in darkness separated from God.

Read Psalm 19:9-10. What two things is God’s Word compared to in verse 10?

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By now you can probably conclude that David believes God’s Word is valuable and sweet.

If something is valuable, we want more of it. If something is sweet, we want more of it.

Read Psalm 19:11. What is God’s word good for?

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We need the warnings in God’s Word to make us wise. Warnings tell us danger is up ahead so we should not keep going down the wrong path. We also need the rewards that God’s word promises to those who obey God. Those rewards are found only in following God. God is actually the greatest reward. Following the path of God’s way leads to God.

Have you ever thought of God’s Word as valuable or sweet? Explain.

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## THURSDAY – Rock and Redeemer

Read Psalm 19:12. What do you think David means by asking forgiveness for hidden faults?

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Have you ever been frustrated by someone who kept doing something that bothered you, but when you told them to stop they had no idea what you were talking about? All of us can see sin in other people better than we can see our own sin. That's why we need others in our life to help us grow.

Read Psalm 19:13. What is David asking God to keep him from?

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Sin that becomes our master is like an addiction. We start out choosing our sin, but then—as any addict can tell you—our sin chooses us and acts like a master over us. David's desire is to be without blame and not be guilty of sinning against God's law.

Write out the prayer David prayed in Psalm 19:14.

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What would God have to change for the words of your mouth and the thoughts in your heart (where no one else can see) to please God?

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What 2 names does David call God in the last line of verse 14?

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David knew there was no way he could stop sinning with the words of his mouth or the thoughts in his heart. He needed God to be his Rock—the one place he looked to for stability and strength. And he needed a Redeemer. Adam and Eve sold themselves and all humans into slavery to sin. But Jesus paid the price by dying on the cross to buy us back (redeem) us from the enemy, Satan, who wants to destroy us.

## FRIDAY – Reflect

When you see a beautiful piece of art—it speaks to you. God’s creation also speaks to us. It is art by the most incredible Artist ever—God himself. Nature is one of the ways God communicates to us about who He is and what He is capable of. What in nature do you like the most? Ocean? Mountains? Where is your favorite outdoor place to be? What is your favorite season to be there? Explain.

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Psalm 19 talked about how God speaks to us through His Word. What stood out to you in Psalm 19:7-11?

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If God’s Word is worth more than gold and sweeter than honey, why do you think most people do not spend time in God’s Word?

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Looking back on this week—what is something you learned or thought about in a new way?

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David was a shepherd, a warrior, and the king of Israel. He was a busy man, yet he clearly spent a lot of time with God’s Word—hearing it, thinking about it, and making up songs like this about it. What would your life be like when you are old if you were to invest time with God in His Word every day for the next 60 or 80 years of your life? How would this impact you and the family you may one day have?

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