THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 21ST–22ND // PSALMS GREATEST HITS

EVIDENCE (PSALM 19:1–6)

IF I COULD JUST SEE GOD...

David states, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of His hands." **This means the universe stands as proof of a Creator** (Romans 1:20).

- **The complexity and order of creation should lead one to see that more is at work than accidental reactions.**

"THEY POUR OUT SPEECH...THERE ARE NO WORDS"

"Day after day," through creation, God communicates His **power, goodness, genius,** and **consistency.** Creation is a continual source of knowledge for those who seek it.

- **Creation displays God's character** and provides us **limitless information and opportunities to explore.**

A TENT FOR THE SUN

David depicts the sun as a torch in the "tent" of outer space that God gives us as a life-sustaining light. He says it reminds him of a groom glowing as he sees his bride or an athlete running a race.

- This shows us **God's love for and faithfulness to His "bride."**

NOT LITERAL MOVEMENT (V. 6)

We know the sun doesn't move across the universe. David is saying the sun appears to move through our skies, watching over the whole earth and sustaining us.

- Here, David connects creation to the Savior. Like the sun, **Jesus sees us and gives us what we need to live.**

"NOTHING IS HIDDEN FROM ITS HEAT"

The glory of God is clearly seen in the **miraculous placement and balance** of the sun. The sun pours out heat and light on all of creation, making its presence known.

- Jesus is **the source of light and life,** and **nothing escapes His view** or understanding. **He sees all and holds all into account.**

CLARITY (PSALM 19:7–14)

FOR THOSE WHO WANT MORE ANSWERS

Creation is evidence of a Creator. **The Bible is the clarity of who the Creator is and how He expects His creation to live.**

- The Bible answers the humble reader's questions about who God is and who we are in Him. **It tells us practically everything we need to know in order to function in life.**

"THE INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD IS..."

"**Perfect**" and "renew[s] one's life." The truth of the Bible changes and refreshes us.

- "**Trustworthy**" and "mak[es] the inexperienced **wise**." Through God's Word, we gain understanding, even in our youth.
- The "precepts [rules] of the Lord are **right**," and we're "glad" because we learn to live correctly.

"**Radiant**, making the eyes light up." The Bible is clear, not hidden, and it gives the reader **clarity to navigate life.**

- It is "**pure**, enduring forever." God's Word is flawless and will not fade or change.
- "**Reliable**" and "**righteous**." The Bible can be trusted because it is moral and ethical.

NOTHING IS MORE VALUABLE

The Bible gives us **information, wisdom,** and **clarity** that is "more desirable than… an abundance of pure gold" and "sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb."

- **The knowledge God offers through His Word holds the keys to a fulfilling life, eternity, and way to know our Creator.**

A WARNING AND A REWARD (V. 11)

The Bible is both **a warning that how we live matters** and **a reminder that if we choose to live in a relationship with Jesus and humble ourselves to His instruction, we will be graciously rewarded in an incomprehensible way.**

"WHO PERCEIVES HIS UNINTENTIONAL SINS?"

V. 12 asks **how we know what is moral without an absolute standard.** The Bible defines what is right and wrong, pointing out unintentional, hidden, and willful sins.

- If we will **humble ourselves to God's Word, we will be forgiven, "cleansed," and not "rule[d]" by sin and rebellion.**

A CHOICE TO WANT TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY

We must choose to make Jesus our "rock" and our "Redeemer." This is **demonstrated** by the "meditation[s] of [our] heart" (**our thoughts and desires**) and the "words of [our] mouth" (**what we say and do**).

- **Is being "acceptable to [God]" what we desire most in this life?**

EVIDENCE FOR THOSE WHO WANT IT

- It is not a question of whether there is substantial evidence of a Creator but **if we are humble enough to see it.**
- "If He would show me" is irrelevant because God came to earth as the incarnate Christ, and **in our hubris, many didn't recognize Him, even when He stood in front of them.**

CLARITY FOR THE HUMBLE

- Creation gives us evidence of a Creator, and **the Bible gives us clarity as to who He is, who we are in relation to Him, how we are to live,** and **what our future can be.**
- To gain the benefits of the Bible, we must **read it objectively** and **submit ourselves** to its wisdom and instruction.

ACCEPTANCE FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE IT

- **The Word of God is both a warning and a promise**. We are warned that our path will lead to chaos and eternal death, and we are promised that His path leads to fulfillment and eternal life.
- **The benefits of the Bible and acceptance from God are for anyone who desires them.**

DESIRE IS DEMONSTRATED IN HOW WE LIVE

- A true desire to know God, live correctly, and make Him our "rock" and "Redeemer" is **demonstrated in our submission to Him and our observance of His Word.**
- Simply put, **we cannot expect the blessings of God if we live in "blatant rebellion" to Him and His Word.**

IT ALL CIRCLES BACK TO DESIRE

- In order to be saved and restored, we must choose to let God and His Word reveal our faults and sin. This begins with **humility, submission,** and **repentance.**
- Do we desire to know truth? Are we willing to submit? Do we truly love Jesus? If so, **our love will show in our obedience** (John 14:15).