

Songs of David: *Praise for God's Instruction*

Psalm 19

The Title (v. 0)

- Creation Hymn (v. 1-6): Declaring God's glory as revealed in nature
- Torah Hymn (v. 7-13): Reflection on YHWH's instruction and revelation in Torah
- A subsection of Wisdom Psalms
- "To the leader": A congregational song
- "Of David": Likely written by David

Nature's Praise (v. 1-6)

- The heavens testify to the existence of a Creator and to His majestic nature
 - Even though they have no audible voice, they speak volumes of the greatness of God
- He is not simply the one who created all things, but He sustains them as well
 - The sun's circuit reminds us of the ongoing provision of God

Torah's Teaching (v. 7-13)

- David turns his eyes from the heavens to what God has revealed in the Torah
 - Torah = Instructions that God revealed through Moses for how He desires His people to reflect Him to the world
 - It is rooted in His covenant with Israel
- David lists six aspects that are meant to encompass all Torah
- Torah is declared to be perfect and able to:
 - Revive us & bring us joy
 - Give wisdom & enlightenment
 - Set eternity before us
- This makes Torah of the highest value & leads to the greatest blessing
 - Honey is a symbol of abundance & blessing in Scripture
- In Torah comes:
 - Warning against ungodliness & folly
 - Because it points out our blindness & error
 - And instructs us to avoid sinful behavior & people
 - A path to righteous rewards

Prayer of Participation (v. 14)

- The psalm closes with a prayer of self-reflection
 - Nature declares God's glory
 - Torah declares God's goodness
 - Help me to declare You to the world too!

So What?

- Do we see God's glory in Creation?
- Do we seek Him through His Word?
- Are we living in a way that declares Him to the world as well?

Meditation Verse: *Psalm 19:14*