



# Psalm 19

# Background

- Written by David to be used as a song in worship
- Split into 3 sections
  - ❖ Verses 1 – 6: hymn to God the creator, creation shows God's glory
  - ❖ Verses 7 – 11: hymn to Law, the word shows God's grace
  - ❖ Verses 12 – 14: prayer to be saved from sin, for grace, a response

# Background

- 2 Psalms?
  - ❖ Different structures
  - ❖ Different writing
- 1 Psalm?
  - ❖ God's creation both in heaven and on earth
  - ❖ magnifying God through both Scripture and nature
  - ❖ Same hand created both

The heavens declare the glory of God; the  
skies proclaim the work of his hands

- Heavens
  - ❖ Watery
  - ❖ Aerial
  - ❖ Solar
  - ❖ Starry
- Plain, unmistakable declaration

# The Glory of God

- Manifestation of God's presence
- His importance, reputation, majesty and honour
- Shekinah

# The Glory of God – Exodus 33

Moses asked to see the glory of God but couldn't

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

# The Glory of God – Exodus 33

But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

# The Glory of God – Exodus 40

## The Glory of God filled the tabernacle

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

# The Glory of God – Ezekiel 43

## The Glory of God filled the Temple

Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory.

...The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east. Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

# The Glory of God – 1 Kings 8

## God's glory is tangible

- The priests then brought the ark of the Lord's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place ... When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple.

# The Glory of God – Psalm 26

## God's glory dwelt in the Temple

- Lord, I love the house where you live,  
the place where your glory dwells.
- John 2 – Jesus cleanses the Temple

# The Glory of God – John 1, 2

## God's glory revealed in Jesus

- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- . What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory.
- They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

# The Glory of God – 1 Corinthians

## God's glory dwells in us

- Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?
- Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

# The Glory of God – 2 Corinthians

## God's glory is our future

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.

- Both day and night
- Endless cycle
- Different but equal
- Day bid us work for him, night bids us rest in him

They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.

- Pictorial message – to the eye and heart
- Everyone can understand
- Not everyone pays attention

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

- Every part of the world can see it
- Paul quotes this in Romans 10:18

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

- The heavens are a tent for the sun – it has no fixed abode
- The sun is not worshipped
- Bridegroom chamber/pavilion – room prepared for the consummation of the marriage
- How does he leave it?

It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

- God's glory is available to all – does not pick and choose

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.

<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> By them your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

# Links

- The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. – 2 Corinthians 4
- Sun god was usually the god of justice

The law, statutes, precepts, commands, decrees

- Torah?
- Whole of Scripture?
- The Old Testament?
- The New Testament?
- The First 5 books?
- The 10 Commandments?
- Jesus' two commandments?

# The law, statutes, precepts, commands, decrees

- Perfect
- Refreshes the soul
- Trustworthy, infallible
- Gives wisdom
- Unmixed with evil
- Gives life (light = life)
- Everlasting, unchanging
- More desirable than the greatest riches
- More pleasurable than the finest tastes
- A warning
- Leads to a reward

# The response

- To reflect on our failures – known and unknown
- To rely on God for forgiveness
- To seek protection from sin's domination

But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

- The sins we commit unknowingly
- The sins we don't remember
- The sins we commit when we think no one is looking
- The Pharisees tried to eradicate inadvertent sins
- We only see through a glass darkly

Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.

- Open rebellion, arrogant disregard of God's commands
- I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. Romans 7: 15 – 20
- Dominion - enslaving

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

- Forgiveness → innocence
- Cross

May these words of my mouth and  
this meditation of my heart be  
pleasing in your sight,  
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

# Our response

We are God's Temple, in which God's glory dwells

- Are we reflecting his glory?
- Are we, as his temple, honouring God?
- Are we following his commandments?
- Are there things that Jesus wants to remove from his temple?