

# The God Who Talks and Talks and Talks

Psalm 19 || Bill Ingram || 03 May 2020

*To CARE for one another in truth and in love,  
To GROW together as followers of Jesus,  
To SERVE those God has placed in our path.  
– CG Mission Statement*

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**Icebreaker:** What is the most amazing thing you have seen in creation and what did you conclude about God?

**Worship:** Hebrews 1:1-3 (*Read aloud three times, spend time in reflection listening for God's invitation to you.*)

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## Sermon Summary for Psalm 19

God speaks through the splendor of His creation. The majesty and beauty of nature is a reflection of His voice. Through it, God communicates continuously (v2), abundantly (v4), and universally (v6). Creation cannot stop proclaiming God's authority. Every facet gushes, effusive in its declaration. As Calvin said, nature is God's "visible language" for anyone willing to listen (Rom 1:19-20). Verses 1-6 resonate with God's glorious existence, but it is the rest of Psalm 19 that introduces us to God our Redeemer. While God communicates universally through his creation, He speaks personally through His word, allowing us to know Him. Like God, it is perfect and holy and righteous, and therefore should be obeyed and trusted completely. It revives our souls and brings joy to our hearts.

David knew that the most important goal of his life was to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. He also knew that the only way he could glorify and enjoy God was to know Him... and the only way to know God is to know His word. But for many of us, the Bible is a chore or an obligation. CS Lewis once said that we're more likely to compare it to a dentist's drill than to anything sweet or valuable.

We develop deep, rich relationships as we invest time in others. The same is true with God as we spend time with His word. The reward is deeper relationship (and deeper appreciation for that relationship) as our souls are healed and restored. In time, the Bible will shape our worldview and our motives. It draws us to confess and seek forgiveness for our sins... and God in His unrelenting grace will give it, even for those sins we are unaware of. In total, the Bible is God's gift, which molds us into the people our Father created us to be (2 Tim 3:16-17). Through His creation, through His word, and through His Son, God yearns to communicate and be in relationship with us. May we seek Him out and find joy, experiencing the love and grace He so bountifully offers through them.

## Discussion Questions (*It's better to wrestle deeply with a few good questions than to gloss over many.*)

- Though we are without excuse as to the existence of God, why is nature alone not enough to know Him?
    - How are we to respond to Him as He has revealed Himself both in nature and in scripture?
  - What does the Psalmist say the word of God does for us? Which do you need right now?
    - Why do you think many people, even Christians, neglect or avoid the Bible? What would help?
  - Name a time when the word of God was more desirable than fine gold and sweeter than honey to you.
    - What needs to take place for that to be true in your life today?
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## What Can We Be Praying For?

As you pray for one another and the pandemic crisis this week, praise God for the truths of Psalm 19 as well.

## Engage & Experience

How would you use Psalm 19 to share the truth of God's existence? How would you use Psalm 19 to share that God has revealed Himself personally to us? How would you use Psalm 19 to share the gospel? Pray for opportunities to share what you learned from Psalm 19 and look for how God answers that prayer.