

# “HOW CAN MY WORDS AND HEART BE ACCEPTABLE BEFORE GOD?”

## Psalm 19

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### INTRODUCTION

Sitting out on a cool fall evening staring up at the starry sky—what do you hear?

The Heavens declaring the “glory of God” and “God made us!”

But this psalm shows us two kinds of ways in which God speaks to men: Through His natural Creation and through His inspired word! Both forms of revelation bring David to one inescapable conclusion:

- I am accountable to God for my life—for my known sins done deliberately and for those that I have done unknowingly and non deliberately.
- I am blessed and rewarded by keeping God’s word and obeying His revelation.
- There is nothing more enjoyable and fulfilling in life than living according to His revealed truth.
- I and all humans are without excuse—God speaks so clearly; I must listen!
- God is my rock—my strength and sustenance and protection, and He is my Redeemer—by forming a relationship with me in Creation and Redemption.

### YOU MUST SEE THAT YOUR WORDS AND HEART ARE ACCEPTABLE BEFORE GOD.

#### I. GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS CREATION (1-6).

##### A. Heaven speaks! (1)

1. Continuously through natural progression of days and nights (2)
2. Silently without speech and words and an audible voice (3)
3. The message is “measured out” everywhere that falls under its influence (4)

##### B. The sun especially speaks about God—not about itself! (4b-6)

1. The sun is placed in its proper sphere and does the job it was created to do (4b)
2. The sun “excitedly and expectantly” comes out of its hiding place as a bridegroom (5a)
3. The sun “rejoices” to fulfill its task like a strong man running a race (5b)
4. The extent of its influence is universal—throughout the world, horizon to horizon. (6a)
5. Its penetration is felt everywhere by everyone—nothing is hid from its heat and light.

But, God has an even more impressive way of speaking with men—through His written revelation.

#### II. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WRITTEN REVELATION (7-10)

We take special note of the parallelism in the description here by the use of **nouns, adjectives, and verbs**.

##### A. The Description of God’s Revelation (7-9)—*Displayed in its nouns*

1. The Law of the Lord (7)
2. The testimony of the Lord
3. The precepts of the Lord (8)
4. The commandment of the Lord
5. The fear of the Lord (9)

- 6. The judgments of the Lord
  - B. The Characteristics of God's Revelation (7-9)— *Displayed in its adjectives*
    - 1. Perfect (7)
    - 2. Sure
    - 3. Right—straight (8)
    - 4. Pure
    - 5. Clean (9)
    - 6. True
  - C. The Results through God's Revelation (7-9)— *Displayed in its verbs*
    - Seen in what it Does to the Believer
      - 1. Restoring the soul (7)
      - 2. Making wise the simple
      - 3. Rejoicing the heart (8)
      - 4. Enlightening the eyes
    - Seen in what it is in itself
      - 5. Enduring forever (9)
      - 6. Righteous altogether
  - D. The Believer's attitude towards God's Revelation (10)
    - 1. More desirable than any wealth—gold, much fine gold
    - 2. More enjoyable—sweeter—than any blessing—even than honey and the honeycomb
- III. OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S REVELATION (11-14)
- A. Accepting its warnings (11a)
  - B. Being rewarded by keeping His revelation (11b)
  - C. Acknowledging our errors—sins of ignorance or unintentional—and hidden [faults] (12)
  - D. Pleading for protection from presumptuous or deliberate sins (13)
    - 1. Keep us from them
    - 2. Keep them from dominating us
  - E. Finding integrity—blamelessness (13b)
  - F. Finding forgiveness or escape from “great transgression (13b)
  - G. Finding full acceptance before God
    - 1. In our words of our mouths
    - 2. In meditations of our heart
  - H. Finding God as our source of Strength—rock; and as our Redeemer—Kinsman redeemer

## CONCLUSION

Yes “the Lord is my Rock and my redeemer.” He has given me all the sufficient revelation that I need. Therefore, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight.”

The Lord is perfect, and so is His word!