

LESSONS FROM PSALMS NINETEEN

Scripture: Psalm 19:1-14

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Introduction:

- A. This Psalm was written by David and sent to the chief musician.
- B. It reveals the thinking of one who has spent much time in the great outdoors as well as one who knew the law of God quite well.
- C. There are great practical lessons for us 20th century Christians.

I. LEARN SOME LESSONS ABOUT OUR GOD'S GREAT CREATION. vs.1-6

- A. v. 1 Creation.
 - 1. Declares the glory of God.
 - 2. Reveals the handy work of God.
- B. v.2 Day after day and night after night creation keeps showing us the knowledge of God.
- C. Creation is a silent messenger to all the earth.
 - 1. v.3 Creation has no speech nor language.
 - 2. v.3 Creation's voice is not heard.
 - 3. v.4 their line (range of revelation) extends through all the earth.
 - 4. v.4 their words reach to the end of the world.
- D. vs. 4-6 Creation centers around the sun and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

II. LEARN SOME LESSONS CONCERNING THE LAW OF OUR GOD. vs. 7-11

- A. This does not refer to the Ten Commands and its precepts. These are contained in God's Law; but God's law existed prior to the days of Moses.
 - 1. God gave Adam His law... the law as sin and death.
 - 2. God gave Noah statutes of law after the flood.
 - 3. The New Testament commandments are contained in God's Law.
 - 4. Really, all that God has ever set forth to govern man on the earth constitutes God's Law. His testimonies, His statutes, His commandments, His judgments.
- B. All the Law of God is:
 - 1. Perfect
 - 2. Sure
 - 3. Right
 - 4. Pure
 - 5. Clean
 - 6. True
 - 7. Righteous
- C. The Law of God was given to man to:
 - 1. Convert the soul.
 - 2. Make wise the simple.
 - 3. Rejoice the heart.
 - 4. Enlighten the eyes...a light to the mind.
 - 5. Warn.
 - 6. Promise great reward to those who keep them.
- D. The statutes of God's law are worth more to us than gold, even fine gold.
- E. They are sweeter than the sweetest honey.
- F. When sickness or death stalks you or your family, what had you rather have, God's Word or gold and honey?

III. LEARN SOME TRUTHS ABOUT MAN. vs.12-14

- A. Left to himself, man cannot understand his errors. Thus, we need God's Word.

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- B. Left to himself, man would be overcome with secret fault: Thus, we need the Spirit of God to enlighten us through His creation and His Word.
- C. Left to himself, man could be dominated by presumptuous sins. **THUS**, we need God's Word and His Spirit to instruct and guide us.
- D. With God's help:
 - 1. Man can be counted upright.
 - 2. Man can be counted innocent from great transgression.
 - 3. Man's words and the meditations of his heart can be acceptable in God's sight.
- E. v.12 People who are willing to accept the instruction of God's creation and God's law will see in Jehovah God
 - 1. Their strength.
 - 2. Their Redeemer.