

Glory All Around

Scripture Reading — Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God ...

Psalm 19:1 —

Psalm 19 invites us to slow down and take a look at the world. Take a walk on a woodland trail. Gaze into a night sky bejeweled with starlights. Listen to the soaring melody of a meadowlark.

In those moments when your heart gains a “sixth sense” by which you perceive the world, what do you discover? You discover glory—God’s glory. The world becomes a window that gives you a peek into God’s wisdom and majesty.

There is no real competitor to this glory. In the ancient world, the sun was considered by many to display the greatest glory and to be the greatest of the gods. But in Psalm 19, the sun is only a wonder of God’s creation. Yes, it makes a daily run through the heavens like a charioteer pulled by a fiery racehorse. But it still remains a pale reflection of God’s brilliance—a mere pointer to true divine greatness.

God made all things. So, naturally, when we look at the world around us, we learn about its Maker. We discover the Creator’s sheer delight in beauty, his wisdom in ordering all things right, his marvelous power that inspires our awe.

We seldom see these things because we fail to look at the world through the lens of faith. But when we do, we see glory all around.

Prayer

Lord, we look, and yet we do not see. Open the eyes of our heart to see your signature written across creation. Help us to stand in awe of your glory and wisdom. Amen.

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