

The Fullness Of Christ



The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory (Psalm 97:6).

One of the most amazing ways to appreciate our fullness in Christ is to enjoy the wonders of God in the Psalms. It is in the Psalms that the grieving find comfort, the joyful offer praise, and the confused learn of hope. This devotion explores five areas of wisdom revealed in Psalm 19 as David sings his praise and honor to the Lord. Enjoy the journey!

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork (v. 1). Even on our gray and dismal days, one can view the sunrises and sunsets in awe. The birds that soar in the heavens and the rains that drench our soil with moisture are reminders of God's continuous care and provision. The brilliant blue skies that fade into the ocean horizon reveal the vastness of His grace and mercy. They truly declare the glory of God.

Day to day pours out speech and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat (vv. 2–6). Even when we are led to believe that God is not listening, the wonders of nature still serve as reminders of His goodness. From the small hummingbird that sucks nectar from beautiful flowers to the softness of a baby's cheek, God's wonders can be experienced.

What are not visible to the human eye can be sensed in the aroma of lilacs that filter through the air. His voice in nature can be experienced in and through all our God-given senses.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward (vv. 7–11). The law (the Word) reveals who God is. As we seek Him daily, we discover that we are not disappointed in Him and in His fullness.

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression (vv. 12–13). Herein reveals our own protection of grace! As David's knowledge of God's love was expressed, we now have it revealed to us in Scripture through his heir, Jesus Christ. We rest in the assurance that in Christ, we are blameless and innocent of any transgression.

And the finale comes in verse 14, for it is our response to the Lord: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

Amen and Amen.