God's Self-Disclosure (Psalm 19)

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God has revealed Himself to humankind in three ways:

iod is Revealed in His	(vv. 1-6)
¹ The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their ex the work of His hands.	cpanse is declaring
² Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night revea ³ There is no speech, nor are there words where their voic ⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the su ⁵ Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; It	te is not heard. utterances to the
strong man to run his course. ⁶ Its rising is from one end of the heavens, And its circuit them; And there is nothing hidden from its heat (Psalm	

Supporting passages . . .

- "Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who
 leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the
 greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is
 missing" (Isaiah 40:26).
- "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible
 and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -- all
 things have been created through Him and for Him. And He is before all
 things, and in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16-17).
- "For since the creation of the world [God's] invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:20).

- "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).
- "Then God <u>said</u>, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so" (Genesis 1:14-15).

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The Word of God (The Bible) Six Descriptions

Six Actions

Six Titles

Verse

v. 7		
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⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

¹⁰They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward (Psalm 19:7–11).

Supporting passages . . .

- "You have magnified Your word according to all Your name" (Psalm 138:2).
- "We were eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father... we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. But we have the prophetic word which is more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place ..." (2 Peter 1:16b, 18-19).
- "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).
- "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4b).

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 12Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. 13Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression. 14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer (Psalm 19:12–14). 		

Supporting passages . . .

"Blessed are those who mourn" (Matthew 5:4).

Application Questions

- Do you have a scientific mind? Do facts and figures about the universe impress you? How can you learn to dwell, instead, on the Creator of the universe?
- Does the size of God's creation make you feel small? How can you daily remind yourself that you are not the center of the universe? How can you daily remind yourself that God exists outside of time and space?
- How have you typically listened to God? Do you run to nature, or do you run to the Word of God?
- What new understandings about the Word of God come to you as you
 reflect on its six titles, six descriptions, and six actions? How do your new
 understandings change the way you appreciate the Bible?
- Can you honestly say that God's Word is more valuable to you than gold and sweeter to you than honey?
- What changes can you make to your daily routines that will practically show that you love God's written Word more than money or comforts?
- What hidden faults can you identify in your life that you've previously overlooked? Confess these now.
- What deliberate sins do you continue to pursue? Confess these now in prayer. Ask God for help. Then ask a Christian friend to help you master them.
- Have you ever prayed through Psalm 19 personalizing it to your own life? Try doing it now. What did God reveal to you about Himself and about you?

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