

PSALM 19: GOD IS THERE, AND HE IS NOT SILENT (Francis Schaeffer)

I. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN \_\_\_\_\_ – v.1-6 (W. Graham Scroogie - THE SKIES REVEAL HIS \_\_\_\_\_)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup>Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. <sup>3</sup>They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. <sup>4</sup>Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. <sup>6</sup>It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

A. God has no \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_.

Col. 1:17 – “in Him all things hold together”; Heb. 1:3 – “He sustains all things by His powerful Word.”

C. God loves \_\_\_\_\_.

D. God has \_\_\_\_\_.

The purpose of creation is to reveal God to us! Rom. 1:18-20: The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

II. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 7 – 11 (Scroogie: THE SCRIPTURE REVEALS HIS GREATNESS)

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup>The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. <sup>10</sup>They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

A. What the Bible will do \_\_\_\_\_ you. v. 7-9

Law (instruction in character and conduct – how we are to \_\_\_\_\_) perfect (complete, comprehensive and without flaw) refreshing (restoring, refreshing, reviving and transforming) the soul (mind, will, emotions)

Statutes (KJV – Testimony) (what and who God is – His testimony of Himself) trustworthy (sure, clear and reliable) makes wise (remember our study of Proverbs – wisdom is seeing life from God’s perspective – practical instruction in how to live life – developing \_\_\_\_\_-skills)

Precepts (KJV statutes) (God’s mandate for us - directions for our lives) Right (straight, leading to the right goal) giving joy - (When you keep God’s law you have His \_\_\_\_\_)

Commandments (decrees – not suggestions!!) radiant (KJV pure) (clear, and makes our duty clear; our code of moral and ethical purity;) giving light to the eyes enlightens (illuminates)

Fear (\_\_\_\_\_, leading to obedience) pure – KJV clean (no spot – it will lead us to live pure lives) endures (eternal – but also the idea of being established and able to stand and endure) The Bible stands – and, as you live it’s truth, you’ll be able to stand, too!!

Decrees – KJV Judgments (decisions, verdicts) Firm (KJV – True: never false – reliable and stable) all of them are righteous. Vindicated; true (righteous altogether – the parts explain each other) The Lord’s commands accurately reflect God’s moral will for His people and are an expression of His character of justice & righteousness.

B. What the Bible will do \_\_\_\_\_ you. v. 10,11

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III. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN OUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Scroogie: THE SOUL REVEALS HIS \_\_\_\_\_) v. 12-14

But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins; (presumptuous sins) may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, (complete/whole) innocent of great transgression.<sup>14</sup> May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

If you will allow the Bible to do its work in you, then you can be confident that God is going to keep you close to Him, as your words and meditations are pleasing to Him.

Then He is your Rock and Redeemer, and you will be confident in His love and care! As your Rock you will have \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

Matt. 7:24 – the man who built his house on the rock heard God’s Words and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

