

There are many people who are looking for God. They run here and there in an attempt to find God or to learn truth about God. The truth is God is right before their very eyes. All people need to do to find God is to look in the right spot. God does speak of Himself to the world today and He does demonstrate Himself and His glory today and that glory is on display before every human being.

David was a man who loved God and loved to praise God. He was a man who personally knew God and as a result he gave the glory to God. The word “glory” (**verse 1**) means that David praised God for His majesty and splendor (William Gesenius, *Hebrew Lexicon*, p. 382).

The question for us to ask is how do we get to the same level of David? How can we get to the place where we believe and trust God like David did? Where do we go and where do we look to develop our faith in God and our relationship with God. This psalm gives us the answer:

TWO REALITIES THAT WILL CAUSE US TO PRAISE GOD FOR HIS MAJESTY AND SPLENDOR ARE GOD’S WORLD AND GOD’S WORD .

God’s majesty and splendor are right before our eyes. All we have to do to see it and develop the kind of faith David had is to look at it. There are two things to look at—God’s creation and God’s Word.

Now this psalm is simple to divide. There are two main displays of the glory of God:

DISPLAY #1 – God’s glory is displayed by God’s created world . **19:1-6**

Charles Spurgeon used to say if a person can look at the skillful creation of God and then declare himself to be an atheist, he is either an idiot or a liar.

God’s creation speaks volumes about the power, the glory and the majesty of God. There are five distinct facts that are brought out about God’s creation, which do declare God’s glory:

Fact #1 - God’s world witness is vast . **19:1**

The term “expanse” refers to the entire visible area which surrounds the earth (Gen. 1:6, 20). When one looks into the sky, one is immediately faced with a witness of a God who is infinite and immense. The expanse declares there is an unlimited God not bound by space. The heavens are a continual publication of God about God. His glory and majesty silently speak to you every time you look up.

Fact #2 - God’s world witness is constant . **19:2**

God speaks of His power and glory and majesty every day; day in and day out; night in and night out. Every time light comes and goes, God is revealing the story of Himself to the universe. God is a constant, consistent, systematic, dependable, powerful God.

Fact #3 - God's world witness is silent. **19:3**

The great witness of creation silently speaks of the greatness and glory of God. This witness is not verbal, it is not audible, but it is eloquent. All over the universe God silently cries out His glory and majesty through His creation to the point that every person everywhere is without excuse (Rom. 1:20).

Fact #4 - God's world witness is universal. **19:4**

Notice this testimony of God is in all the earth. God has uttered truth about Himself to every person in the universe through His majestic creation. There is no such thing as a person who does not know about the existence of a powerful and personal God. God has used His creation to silently speak to people who live in the remotest places, even the end of the world.

Fact #5 - God's world witness is specific. **19:4b-6**

God has specifically used the sun to demonstrate His shining glory and majesty. The sun is so bright one dare not look directly at it. God is so majestic and holy; the same is true of Him. There are two realities about the sun that testify about God's glory:

(Reality #1) - The sun's appearance testifies of God's glory. **19:4b**

The sun is 109 times the diameter of the earth. Of all of the bodies in the heavens, the sun is the most important to us here on earth. The sun is a great power plant that is able to send warmth and life-growing light to the entire universe. The temperature on the sun has been estimated at 11,000 degrees Fahrenheit. It is located some 93 million miles from earth. The sun is a consistent and powerful demonstration of the glory of God.

(Reality #2) - The sun's activity testifies of God's glory. **19:5-6**

A bridegroom in David's day would head out at night to go get his bride. He would take several people with him, who each carried blazing lights. The bridegroom was dressed in glorious apparel when he came for his bride and when the bride saw him coming, the light which shined on him made him look glorious.

The sun runs to this earth every day. It rises in the east and sets in the west. Every day the sun comes and blazes a statement for the glory of God. Its radiance and heat testify day in and day out of the majesty and splendor of God.

Peter the Great said that he thought people were foolish who did not get up to ever watch the sun rise or watch it set. He observed that people will travel great distances with great excitement to see something that has been built by finite man. But Deity, Himself, sends forth a daily demonstration of something no man could ever create, which is a visible display of God's glory, majesty and splendor.

DISPLAY #2 – God’s glory is communicated by God’s inspired Word. **19:7-14**

If one wants to know God completely (“perfect”) he must go to the Word of God.
One must go to the books of the Bible and to the doctrines of God. **God’s written Word is the key to knowing God.**

God’s Word is God’s own written document about Himself. If we want a life that glorifies Him, it will be found in His Word. As we examine these verses, there are two main word observations we may make:

God’s Word Observation #1 - What God’s Word is.

There are at least eight positive statements about what God’s Word is:

(Statement #1) - God’s Word is perfect. **19:7a**

This word means that God’s Word is the full, complete, whole revelation of God (*Ibid.*, p. 864).

(Statement #2) - God’s Word is sure. **19:7b**

God’s Word is trustworthy and reliable. It is something you can truly believe.

(Statement #3) - God’s Word is right. **19:8a**

God’s Word reveals the straight, true, right things to believe and do.

(Statement #4) - God’s Word is pure. **19:8b**

The Word indicates that it shines forth what is clean and bright (*Ibid.*, p. 318).

(Statement #5) - God’s Word is true. **19:9b**

There is nothing false in the Word of God; it is all truth. Everything is factual and true.

(Statement #6) - God’s Word is righteous. **19:9c**

The words “righteous altogether” mean that everything in the written Word reveals God’s righteousness.

(Statement #7) - God’s Word is rich. **19:10a**

God’s Word is more valuable than gold and more valuable than much fine gold, which is the most expensive gold.

(Statement #8) - God's Word is sweet. **19:10b**

God's Word will reprove us in wonderful and sweet ways.

God's Word Observation #2 - What God's Word can do. **19:7-12**

There are nine accomplishments of God's Word:

(Accomplishment #1) - God's Word can restore the soul. **19:7a**

It can restore one lost in sin and it can restore one who is saved and in sin.

(Accomplishment #2) - God's Word can make one simple become wise. **19:7b**

Some of the wisest people you will ever meet are not academic scholars, but men and women who love God's Word.

(Accomplishment #3) - God's Word can cause one to rejoice. **19:8a**

The Word of God can bring joy to the hurting and troubled heart.

(Accomplishment #4) - God's Word can enlighten one as to the right path. **19:8b**

It can give understanding of what is right to anyone.

(Accomplishment #5) - God's Word can produce a fear of God. **19:9**

When one fears the Lord, it will clean a person up and it is the Word that can do that.

(Accomplishment #6) - God's Word will warn God's servants. **19:11a**

God's Word warns God's servants to stay in the Word and close to the Word because there are negative consequences for those who drift from that focus.

(Accomplishment #7) - God's Word leads to great reward for God's servants. **19:11b**

God's Word challenges God's people to stay focused on obeying the Word because in doing that there will be great reward.

(Accomplishment #8) - God's Word will cause men to see their errors. **19:12a**

The Word of God will cause a man to see where he falls short of the righteous ways of God.

(Accomplishment #9) - God's Word will encourage a man that he has been acquitted from his errors. **19:12b**

If we truly want to glorify God and if we want to have a life that glorifies God and will be rewarded by God, we must be very serious about understanding God's written Word.

Now the final two verses of this psalm need to be carefully studied by every believer. This is truth we all need and a prayer we all need to make:

(Request #1) - David asks God to keep intentional sin from dominating his life. **19:13**

(Request #2) - David asks God to permit his words to be acceptable to God. **19:14a**

(Request #3) - David asks God to permit the meditation of his heart to be acceptable to God. **19:14b**

We have a constant reminder of the power and genius of God in creation and we have that power available to us in God's Word.