

**INTRODUCTION:** Today, we have blessing of studying God’s word. My primary goal is to help you see the Grandeur of God’s Eternal Word. Imagine the beauty of the Grand Canyon. In order to fully appreciate its majesty and diversity, you would have to fly over it to see the full extent of its greatness. However, to truly appreciate its complexity, you’d have to pick a place to zoom-in and discover the richness of its detail. And yet, the only way to fully experience the stunning beauty of the Grand Canyon, as God intended, would be to see it as a magnificent finger pointing us to Him with a heart of reverence and awe. Seeing the overwhelming beauty of the Grand Canyon should cause us to marvel at the glory of the Creator who stands behind such an awe-inspiring piece of creation. Such divine handiwork points us toward God as it displays His beauty, glory, and majesty. And, as we’ll see this morning, the same is true of His word that reveals God to us! Our journey through Scripture will be similar to a journey over the Grand Canyon. First, we will “fly-over” Scripture in order to discover how *God’s word displays His glory throughout redemptive history*. Second, we will “zoom-in” on portions of Psalm 19 in order to see how the riches of *God’s word display His glory by revealing His character and activity*. And finally, we will endeavor to see Scripture in the way that God intended—as a finger pointing toward His Son. We will discover that *God’s word displays His glory by pointing us to the person and work of Jesus Christ*. And, in all of these ways, we’ll see that God declares His glory through His Eternal Word.<sup>1</sup>

## **I. GOD’S WORD DISPLAYS HIS GLORY THROUGHOUT REDEMPTIVE HISTORY**

In **Genesis 1-2**, God powerfully speaks all things into existence. By creating everything “out of nothing,” He demonstrates the authority and beauty of His word. In **Genesis 3**, we see the first pronouncement of the gospel. He speaks of sin’s consequences and promises redemption—the seed of the woman will one day crush the serpent. In **Genesis 9**, we see that God makes a covenant with Noah and his family, and provides deliverance according to their faith. In **Genesis 12 & 17**, God calls Abraham out of his sin and promises to bless him—As a result of Abraham’s faith, God not only provides a son of promise but also a vicarious sacrifice. In **Genesis 35**, God blesses Jacob and forms the nation of Israel from his descendants.

In **Exodus**, God calls forth a redeemer and delivers His people from Egypt. By the power of His word, He demonstrates His absolute authority over Pharaoh and judges the gods of Egypt. In **Exodus 19**, He calls His people *a treasured possession, a holy nation, and a kingdom of priests*—and in **Exodus 20** He gives them the word of His law to guide them in life and worship. In **Deuteronomy 6**, He reveals that He alone is their God and that they ought to love Him with a holistic love—all of one’s heart, soul, and strength. In **Judges**, God speaks judgment against His people for forsaking His word. In **1-2 Samuel**, God calls forth Samuel to represent Him among the people, and He makes a covenant with David, in which He promises an everlasting dynasty.

In **2Kings**, God reforms His people through Josiah’s recovery of His word; and in **Ezra** and **Nehemiah** God restores a remnant from exile and renews His word among them. In the **Psalms**, God reveals the grace-giving effects of His word, and throughout the **Prophets** He calls His people to repentance and promises future restoration. In **Isaiah**, He works sovereignly through the agency of His word, and in **Ezekiel 36**, He promises to transform hearts and pour out

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<sup>1</sup> The following sermon will be a “biblical-theological” survey of God’s Eternal Word rather than a mere exposition of Psalm 19. While it is often best to evaluate God’s word expositional through exploring a particular, primary passage, it will be best—for our purposes—to see God’s Word from three different “angles”.

His Spirit so that they will obey His word. In **Ezekiel 37**, He breathes new life into dry bones and resurrects an enormous army, which demonstrates God’s power to raise the dead to life.

In **John 1**, God sends His Son to dwell among us as the Word made flesh; in the **Gospels**, Jesus heals the sick, forgives the sinner, and raises the dead. In **Acts**, God’s word builds the church and advances His kingdom; and in **Romans**, we see that He uses His word to produce faith in those who hear. Throughout the **Epistles**, God uses His word to sanctify and conform us to Christ. And, through His resurrection He has secured ours, and one day He will put an end to sin and death. In **Hebrews**, God proclaims Christ to be the ultimate sacrifice and Provider of eternal rest for God’s people. In **Revelation**, God declares that He will return in all of His glory in order to set all things right, through the establishment of the New Heavens and New Earth.

**As we have seen, it’s in God’s word that He displays His glory throughout redemptive history.**

**Application:** Whenever we read God’s word, no matter the passage, it should with a desire to see how it fits within the larger storyline of Redemption. [What does it reveal about God? How does it expose human sin? How does it anticipate or illustrate the person and work of Christ?]

## **II. GOD’S WORD DISPLAYS HIS GLORY BY REVEALING HIS CHARACTER & ACTIVITY**

We’re going to “zoom-in” on **Psalm 19** where God displays His glory in three ways.<sup>2</sup> However, our focus this morning will be on vv.7-14. In these verses, the Psalmist uses several synonyms to describe God’s word, and then identifies several attributes and their corresponding effects.

**19:7-14** *“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. 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. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.”*

While there is much here to be explored, let us focus on the attributes and effects of God’s word.

(1) First, we see that God’s word is ***perfect, reviving the soul***.

- The idea here is that God’s word is ***complete and entirely sufficient***. It is not lacking in any way. Interestingly, the same adjective is used several times in **Leviticus** to indicate ***a lamb without blemish, which was intended for sacrifice***. Thus, perfection encompasses not only sufficiency, but also integrity and reliability—***God’s word is sufficient and truthful. It has no blemish or defect***. It has not been tainted by the effects of sin

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<sup>2</sup> The structure of Psalm 19: God displays His glory in three ways—First, He does so by the work of His hands (vv.1-6); Second, He does so by the word of His mouth (vv.7-9); and Lastly, He does so by the worship of His people (vv.10-14). While we will not be unpacking Psalm 19 in this manner, this would be its exegetical outline.

- We see here that God’s word restores the soul. Literally, this means to “revive” or “bring back” from the place of slavery or death. In other words, God rescues the soul and restores it to life. He redeems the lost, and refreshes the weary. Ultimately, His word provides the means of spiritual restoration by brining the soul back from the pit of destruction and despair. As we see in Psalm 18:30, all of His ways and words are perfect.
- [*Revive*] In **Deuteronomy 30:6**, God promised to circumcise the hearts of His people; and in **Jeremiah 31**, He promised to give them new hearts and put His Spirit within them
- **Ps. 34:18** says, “*The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*”
- In commenting on Ps.34:18 John Calvin wrote: “David here exemplifies and extends the doctrine that God is the deliverer of His people, even when they are brought very low, and when they are as it were, half-dead. It is a severe trial when the grace of God is delayed, and all experience of it so far withdrawn, as that our spirits begin to fail... Even more, to say that God is near to the faithful, even when their hearts faint and fail them, and they are ready to die, is altogether incredible to human reason. But, by this means His power shines forth more clearly, when he raises up from the grave. Moreover, it is necessary that the faithful should thus be utterly cast down and afflicted, that they may breathe again in God alone... It is a doctrine full of the sweetest consolation, that God does not forsake us, even when we are overwhelmed by a succession of miseries, and as it were, almost deprived of life.”

**Application:** When you feel “deprived of life,” where do you turn? After a long day of work or school do you ‘veg-out’ in front of the TV or mindlessly surf th internet? Do you indulge in food, lust, or sleep to escape the burdens of life? Or—do you find rest and refreshment in God through His word? He alone is sufficient for all that we need for life and godliness (i.e., rest)!!

(2) Second, we see that God’s word is sure, making wise the simple.

- Here the Psalmist uses courtroom language to describe the entire counsel of God as *a faithful witness*. Everything that God has said has been confirmed to be true. **Isaiah 46** informs us that God is sovereign over history—He declares the end from the beginning, and makes all things happen according to His will. **Ps 119:89** declares that His word is “firmly fixed in the heavens, and that His faithfulness endures to all generations.”
- In **Exodus 34**, God reveals the heart of His character when He describes Himself as being “faithful.” The Apostle Paul picks up on this language in **2Timothy 2:13** when he writes, “*If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.*” You see, God’s faithfulness is rooted in His character, not ours. *Praise God!!* Thankfully, we can take God at His word just as Abraham did in **Gen. 15**: “*Abraham believed the Lord, and it was credited to him as righteousness.*” He was justified by his faith in God’s promises.
- Another effect of God’s word is that it makes us wise! While this word often refers to *intellectual wisdom and physical skill*, the idea also includes spiritual discernment. The primary meaning here is similar to that of **Job 9:4** & **Prov. 10:8** where it is best understood as “wisdom of heart.” In other words, the Scriptures provide spiritual wisdom and enable us to discern the issues of life. And, they point us toward the path of salvation.

**Application:** The only way to grow in spiritual wisdom is to spend regular time in God’s word. We rarely miss a meal, and yet we often miss opportunities to be in God’s word. Without regularly feeding upon God’s word to us, we will be spiritually-malnourished and lack the Spirit’s wisdom.

(3) Third, we see that God’s word is **right, rejoicing the heart**.

- The idea captured here is that God’s word provides a straight and level path. As a moral standard, it hits the mark perfectly. There is no hint of wrong or crookedness in it. By its very nature, God’s word is ethically right in all that it affirms. Elsewhere this same word is used to illustrate the theological ideas of “freedom, reconciliation, & forgiveness; [as well as] the cancellation of guilt, release from the bondage of sin, and the opportunity to live according to a new nature and principle of justice.” [NIDOTTE] In **Deut. 32:4** this word describes the way in which Yahweh reigns over His people with complete justice.
- Here the effect of God’s word is “rejoicing the heart”... It floods our hearts with godly joy!! Literally, it means, “causing the heart to be glad” with an overflow of joy and gratitude. It signifies worship that is in response to God’s provision of salvation. It involves rejoicing in the present deliverance, as well as the hopeful anticipation of future salvation. Such outpouring of joy is both given and sustained by God Himself. In **Ps. 51**, a repentant David asks God to “*restore to him the joy of [his] salvation and to provide [him] with a spirit of willing obedience.*” That should be the prayer of our hearts!!

**Application:** By our very nature, we are driven toward experiencing joy—and yet sin has caused us to seek it through selfish and ungodly means. Where do you most often turn for joy and satisfaction?

(4) Fourth, we see that God’s word is **pure, enlightening the eyes**.

- This description means something that is pure and precious. It carries the idea of being “choice” or special to someone. In **Ezek. 20**, the same word occurs as a verb and describes God purging His people from the sinners and rebels among them. Elsewhere it refers to being someone’s “beloved” (S/Songs 6:9) or pure in another’s eyes (Job. 11:4). It signifies the absence of any defilement. In Psalm 12:6, it speaks of the absolute purity of God’s word “*as silver refined in a furnace on the ground, [and] purified seven times.*”
- The effect of “enlightening the eyes” literally means, “causing the eyes to shine.” In **Ps. 13:4**, it describes deliverance from death (an act of God giving life as the outworking of His favor). Here in Ps.19, it seems to have moral and spiritual implications. In **Ps. 104**, it refers to the splendor and majesty of God as “light,” and in Dan. 2:22 it speaks of “light dwelling with God.” The description of God as being “light” is typically expressed in terms of the covenant relationship (Ps. 27:1; Mic. 7:8). In a few passages, the Lord and the Isaianic Servant personify “the light of salvation” and Israel’s future hope (Is. 42, 49).

(5) Fifth, we see that God’s word is **clean, enduring forever**.

- Here, the word “clean” carries the idea of being pure and set apart. The word is used elsewhere to describe an object sanctified for use in the Temple. In Leviticus, the word signifies ritual purity; and in some contexts, it refers to the “atonement” process by which something was cleansed by having its sin covered or removed (Ex. 25:11; Lev. 11:47).

- The word is used in Jeremiah 33:7-8 where the Lord says, “*I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and I will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.*” In **Ez. 36:25**, it indicates the atoning/cleansing power of God who purifies His people by means of regeneration; He gives them a new heart and provides His Spirit.
- In **Psalm 119:60**, we read that “The sum of [God’s] word is truth and that every one of [His] righteous rules endure forever.” In **Isaiah 40:8** we read, “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.” ***God’s word will never pass away.***

**Application:** The time we invest in soaking up God’s word in this life will not be in vain. God’s word has eternal value and will prove worthwhile in eternity. We should invest wisely now...

(6) Sixth, God’s word is **true and altogether righteous**.

- In **Psalm 12:6**, we find that God’s word is “free from all impurities” and that it has the power to keep us from impurity (Ps. 119:9). As a reflection of God’s character, His word is not only true and faithful—but it is entirely righteous. **Psalm 145:17** says, “The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.” **Ps. 143** declares that there is no one righteous except the Lord, and His “righteousness is like the mighty mountains” (Ps. 36).
- Throughout the Psalms, ***God’s righteousness is often the basis on which His favor is sought***. It is according to His character that we may seek refuge and deliverance from sin (Ps. 31:1; 143:1-2;). Prophets: “righteousness” often revolves around spiritual restoration.
- God provides His people with a righteousness that is not their own!! And, that is something worthy of our worship!! Let us now explore the heart of a true worshipper.

***In vv.10-14, God reveals the heart of a true worshipper who responds in fear and adoration.***

**(1) God’s People Worship Him By Recognizing the Supreme Value of His Word**

- Psalm 138:2 says, “I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.” According to Psalm 19:10, God’s word is more desirable than the greatest treasures of mankind. *In the ancient world, gold was the greatest treasure and honey was one of the sweetest luxuries. **God’s word has great value because it reveals His character and activity to us—and is the source of our salvation and sustenance.***

**(2) God’s People Worship Him By Responding to the Warnings in His Word**

- Scripture reveals the devastating effects of sin. It ***exposes the temptations of our flesh, alerts us to the dangers of this fallen world, and discloses the destructive nature of our Enemy.*** And, if we’re wise, we will take the warning seriously and find refuge in God.

**(3) God’s People Worship Him By Running to Him as Redeemer**

In the closing verses, David prays to the Lord and asks Him:

- To reveal the sins that he is unaware of...
- To restrain him from willful sins...
- To protect him from the power of sin...
- To provide atonement so that he may be found innocent...
- And to change his heart and lips so that they may be pleasing to Him...

Then, David ends this Psalm by **recognizing God as his Rock and Redeemer!!**

**Transition:** *On this side of the Cross, we have an even clearer view of God as our Rock and Redeemer.* In the person of Christ, God has fulfilled every promise made throughout Scripture, and through Christ He has made His word visible to us. *In the remainder of our time, we will seek to discover how God’s word displays His glory by pointing us to person & work of Christ.*

### **III. GOD’S WORD DISPLAYS HIS GLORY BY POINTING US TO THE PERSON & WORK OF JESUS CHRIST**

In **John 1**, we discover that **Jesus is the Word of God made flesh**... Let’s read a few excerpts!!

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.”

Jesus Christ left the glories of heaven in order that we might become the children of God...

In **Luke 24**, we learn that all of Scripture is ultimately about Jesus Christ. Following His resurrection from the dead, Jesus explained to a group of women and then to his disciples that the entire Old Testament had anticipated His death and resurrection. After opening their eyes to see the glories of the gospel, He explained from every part of the OT, the things concerning Himself. He told them that repentance and forgiveness from sin comes through Him. Therefore, in order to read Scripture correctly, we must see Jesus Christ—by way of promise and fulfillment—in every text. While the OT anticipated His person and work, the NT has found Him to be the ultimate fulfillment of all that God had revealed about Himself and promised to His people.

In light of John 1 and Luke 24, let us now reconsider Psalm 19 in order to see how Jesus, as **God’s Incarnate Word**, embodies every attribute and empowers every effect that was previously understood merely as a characteristic and corresponding effect of **God’s written word**.

#### **(1) JESUS CHRIST IS PERFECT (SUFFICIENT), HE REVIVES THE SOUL**

In **Hebrews 4** we read, *“Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

In **2Peter 1:3-4**, we read that *“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption [of sin]”*

Thus, Jesus Christ is perfect and sufficient for all that we need for life and godliness. He reveals to us the Person of God, fulfills the promises of God, and frees us from the corruption of our sin.

***The first way that Christ revives the soul is by conversion***—(Rom. 10:17) “*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*” God uses His word to inspire faith in His Son—He makes our hearts ready to experience and embrace the saving beauty of the gospel.

***Second, Christ revives the soul by providing refreshment and consolation to weary and heavy-laden hearts.*** In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus said, “*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*”

## **(2) JESUS CHRIST IS (SURE) FAITHFUL, HE MAKES US WISE UNTO SALVATION**

In **2Timothy 3:15**, Paul picks on the language used in Psalm 19:7 when he speaks of the Scriptures as being able to “***make one wise unto salvation.***” The Scriptures make one wise unto salvation by pointing us to the person of Jesus Christ. In **1Peter 1:10-12** the author wrote, “*Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.*” (cf. Galatians 4:4-7)

Meditate on that for a moment: The angels of heaven long to understand the mystery of redemption—and the prophets of the OT longed to understand who the Messiah would be. Yet, we have not only see, but we have personally experience these great realities!!

## **(3) JESUS CHRIST IS (RIGHT) JUST, HE REJOICES THE HEART**

**Romans 3:23-26** says “*...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*”

***It is in the Cross of Christ that we experience God’s justice in a way that rejoices the heart.*** For, it is in punishing Christ and forgiving us that He reveals Himself to be Just and the Justifier.

In **Zephaniah 3:17**, God rejoices His people. Listen to these incredible words: “*Rejoice and worship with all of your heart... [For] the Lord has taken away the judgments against you... [And] the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil... The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save. He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will comfort you by His love; and He will exult over you with loud singing.*”

It should be amazing to us that God has postured His heart toward us with such gladness. Notice that His joy toward us finds its greatest culmination in loving us first so that we might respond by loving Him in return. In Christ, God has given us “the joy of our salvation”

#### **(4) JESUS CHRIST IS PURE (SET APART), HE ENLIGHTENS THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS**

According to **1Peter 2**, Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone who is chosen and precious in the sight of God. “*Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.*” **Christ was set apart as the foundation of our Faith.**

In **2Cor. 4**, we see that **God opens our eyes to see the glory of Christ**: Paul uses creation language to describe the firstfruits of new creation. “*For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord... For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*”

In **Eph. 1**, says “*[I pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*”

#### **(5) JESUS CHRIST IS SACRIFICIALLY CLEAN, HIS ATONEMENT ENDURES FOREVER**

**Jesus Christ is the ultimate sacrifice, after which every temporary sacrifice was patterned.**

In **1 Peter 1:2**, we see that Jesus Christ has purified us from our sin: “*[Our election was] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling with His blood.*” **Because He was sacrificially clean, He has made us clean.**

In **Heb. 9:13-14**, Christ is the perfect Sacrifice: “*[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.*” **His blood had the power to cleanse our consciences from the corruption of sin.** (Cf. 2Tim. 2:15).

#### **(6) JESUS CHRIST IS TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER.**

**1Peter 3:18-22** says, “*Christ also suffered once for sins, the Righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit... [and] through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.*” (Cf. 1 Timothy 6).

**It’s through Jesus Christ that we are made righteous—we are given a righteousness not our own...**

**Philippians 2** reveals that God has exalted Christ to a place of supreme honor and that one day “*every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*” **Colossians 1** describes Jesus Christ as being pre-eminent over all things. He is supremely worthy of worship.

## **JESUS CHRIST SHOULD BE OUR GREATEST TREASURE & OBJECT OF WORSHIP**

*Jesus Christ is more desirable than the finest gold, and sweeter than the sweetest honey.* By Him, we are warned and in obeying Him there is great reward. He makes us innocent of hidden faults, restrains us from presumptuous sins, and does not let sin have dominion over us. ***Because of His death, we are considered blameless and innocent of great transgressions.*** And only through Him can the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to God. ***Praise God that He is our Rock and our Redeemer.***

**Application:** The ONLY appropriate response to what we have seen today is to worship God by Treasuring His Son. As we step back from the Grand Canyon, we are speechless because of the greatness that lies before us. Even more stunning is the glimpse that we have seen of Jesus Christ who is the best picture of God’s beauty and glory. No words are sufficient except: ***“Holy, Holy, Holy” is the Lord almighty as we bow the knee and confess Jesus Christ as “Lord.”***

**CONCLUSION:** Today, we have seen that Jesus Christ is God’s eternal Word. In a brief overview of Scripture, we saw that God displayed His glory throughout redemptive history—and that His word displays His glory by revealing His character and activity, and finally, that His word displays His glory by pointing us to the person and work of Jesus Christ—who is the greatest display of God’s glory.

**“Alternative Reading” of Psalm 19** with the Incarnate Word (JESUS CHRIST) being substituted for the Written Word (SCRIPTURE) since Jesus Christ embodies all that God’s word reveals and accomplishes for His people.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> While it’s not generally legitimate to substitute the name of Christ into particular passages, there seems to be legitimate hermeneutical grounds for doing so here in light of Jesus Christ being the Word made flesh (Jn. 1; Lk. 24). Since everything that is true of God’s written word is made tangible in His Son—we can see the person and work of Christ in places such as Psalm 19 where God speaks of the attributes and effects of His word.