PSALM 19 A psalm of praise

The glory of God in creation and revelation

PREPARATION:

Carefully read Psalm 19 seeking to answer these questions about the text:

- 1. What did David say the heavens and their expanse were telling? (v. 1)
- 2. Is there ever a time when this message cannot be heard? (v. 2)
- 3. Is the communication of the message dependent upon someone to speak the words? (v. 3)
- 4. Yet, how far has this message reached out? (v. 4)
- 5. What part of the creation does David describe? (v. 4-6) What do you think David hopes to accomplish by giving this example?
- 6. How else does God reveal himself? (v. 7-9) List the terms used to describe the written or oral revelation of God. What is the significance of each term?
- 7. Make a list of the things the word of God is said to accomplish (v. 7-9).
- 8. Because of this, how does David view them? (v. 10)
- 9. What functions did the law of God have? (v. 11)

- 10. How does David express his inadequacy in knowing and applying the law? (v. 12) What two prayers then does He offer to God? (v. 12-13) What will the answer to those prayers enable David to be?
- 11. How does David communicate his desire to always do the will of God? (v. 14)

KEY QUESTION:

Write in your own words below what you think is the main message of this psalm.

FOR CLASS
DISCUSSION:



Historical & Cultural Setting

- 1. Does the psalmist describe the sun in "scientific" terms? Is this a problem?
- 2. To what law is the psalmist referring when he speaks of God's word?



What does this psalm tell us about God & His people?

How might this psalm point to Jesus? (Cf. Lk. 24:44ff)

How could the Christian apply the teaching of this psalm to his life today?