

"Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries"

Favorite Psalms Bible Study - Part 1

Psalm 19:1-14 Lesson #3

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Psalms before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

1-6 The HEAVENS DECLARE the GLORY of GOD; and the firmament shows His handiwork.
Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. **There is no SPEECH nor language where their VOICE is not heard.** Their line has gone out through ALL the EARTH, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. **Its RISING is from one END of HEAVEN; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

- Romans 10:18** "But I say, have they not _____? Yes indeed: 'Their _____ has gone out to _____ the _____, and their _____ to the _____ of the _____.'
- Ecclesiastes 1:5** "The _____ also _____, and the _____ goes down; and hastens to the place where it arose."

Definition: "The HEAVENS DECLARE the GLORY of GOD; and the firmament shows His handiwork" – These verses are proclaiming the wonders of God's creation, especially the sun and the glories of the heavens. It is very poetic, comparing the sun to a bridegroom coming out of his chambers. When we look at a beautiful sunset or sunrise, we see some of the glory of God's creation, and we should give Him praise.

- Psalm 148:1-6** "Praise the _____ from the _____; praise Him in the heights! _____ Him, all His angels; praise Him all His hosts! _____ Him, _____ and _____; praise Him all you _____ of _____! Praise Him you _____ of _____ and you waters above the heavens! Let them _____ the _____ of the _____, for He _____ and they were _____. He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which shall not pass away."

Definition: "There is no SPEECH nor language where their VOICE is not heard. Their line has gone out through ALL the EARTH" – These verses show us the fact that **God's creation "speaks" to every living human being about God and who He is.** He is the creator of heaven and earth, the Almighty God, the all-powerful, all-knowing, wonderful creator of all things. **Recognizing that there is a creator is the FIRST STEP towards coming to know God.** It is not enough to just believe in a creator God, but it is a beginning. Years ago, there was a young boy in China who was in the Buddhist temple with his parents. He looked at the huge statue of Buddha, but then looked out the window and said, "God, who created the heavens and earth, You are too big to be contained in an idol's temple. I want to know who You are." Years later, missionaries came to China and **brought the good news of Jesus Christ**, and this man became a Believer in Him. His thoughts as he looked out the window were heard by God the Father, and He sent people to give him the message about His Son, Jesus, and salvation through believing in Him. Of course, there are still many people who see the wonders of creation and either explain it away by teaching evolution, or they insist on worshiping idols, and saying that their idols created the world. Whatever reason they have for REJECTING CHRIST, **God's word says they have NO EXCUSE - they will be held responsible for their rejection of Jesus Christ**, because they had enough knowledge of God to ask for more, but they CHOSE NOT TO.

- Romans 1:18-21** "For the wrath of God is revealed from _____ against all

ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who _____ the _____ in unrighteousness, because what _____ be _____ of _____ is manifest in them, for _____ has _____ it to them. For since the _____ of the world His _____ attributes (qualities) are clearly _____, being understood by the things that are _____, even His eternal _____ and _____, so that they are without _____, because although they knew God, they did _____ glorify Him as _____, nor were thankful, but became futile (vain, stupid) in their thoughts, and their foolish _____ were _____.”

- Matthew 24:14** “And this _____ of the _____ will be preached in _____ the _____ as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

Definition: “**Its RISING is from one END of HEAVEN; and there is nothing hidden from its heat**” - We talk about the “rising” and “setting” of the sun, even though we know that it is really the earth traveling around the sun that makes it seem like it is rising and setting. This is the same kind of language here, because God certainly knows that it is the earth that revolves around the sun. In fact, in Isaiah 40:22, we see that **God sits upon the circle of the earth**, and the word “circle” actually means a globe or sphere, so we see that the Bible teaches a round, globe-shaped earth thousands of years before modern man “discovered” that the earth is round and not flat.

- Isaiah 40:22** “It is He who sits above the _____ of the _____, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the _____ like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.”

7-9 **The LAW of the LORD is PERFECT**, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, **making WISE the SIMPLE; the STATUTES 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 judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

- Psalm 119:130** “The entrance of Your _____ gives _____; it gives _____ to the _____.”
- Romans 7:12** “Therefore the _____ is _____, and the _____ and _____ and _____.”

Definition: “**The LAW of the LORD is PERFECT**” - “**The STATUTES of the LORD are RIGHT**” - This section of the Psalm is about how perfect, good and wonderful is God’s holy word. David, who wrote this Psalm, uses the words “**law of the Lord**”, “**statutes of the Lord**”, “**commandments**”, “**testimony**” and “**JUDGMENTS**” which all mean the same thing - **GOD’S WORD**. When it says that **God’s word is “CONVERTING the SOUL”**, this means it is God’s word that leads us to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

- Psalm 119:89-95** “Forever, O Lord, Your _____ is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. They continue this day according to Your _____, for all are Your servants. Unless Your _____ had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction. I will never _____ Your _____, for by _____ You have given me _____. I am Yours, save me; for I have sought Your _____. The wicked wait for me to destroy me, but I will consider Your _____.”

- John 7:24** “Do not _____ according to appearance, but _____ with righteous _____.”

- John 6:68-69** “Then Simon Peter answered Him, “_____, to whom shall we go? _____ have the _____ of _____. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Definition: “**The FEAR of the LORD is clean**” – The “Fear of the Lord” is mentioned many times in the word of God, especially in the Old Testament. It means **reverential AWE and RESPECT for God**, especially as EVIDENCED by OBEDIENCE to His commands and DOING His will. The New Testament equivalent is HOLY living, being filled with the Spirit, and “walking in a manner worthy of the Lord.” Some people have trouble with the concept of FEARING God, because it seems like a negative thing, or has connotations of punishment or abuse from a parent in their childhood. If this is your case, whenever you see the words “fear of the Lord” or “fear God” just substitute “obedience to the Lord” and “OBEY God.” Some people just don’t like the idea of fearing God, because they want a “touchy-feely” religion, and want to think of God ONLY as a loving, indulgent Heavenly Father. Well, God IS a loving God, but He is not indulgent - **He practices “tough love.”** There are negative consequences for disobeying God, just as there are positive consequences (blessings) for obeying God.

•**Psalm 111:10** “The _____ of the _____ is the beginning of _____; a good understanding have all those who _____ His _____.”

•**Proverbs 9:10** “The _____ of the _____ is the beginning of _____, and the _____ of the _____ One is understanding.”

•**Proverbs 2:1-6** “My son, if you _____ My _____, and treasure My _____ within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to _____; yes, if you will cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her (wisdom) as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the _____ of the _____, and find the knowledge of _____.

For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth (God’s word, the Bible) come knowledge and understanding.”

•**Proverbs 8:13** “The _____ of the _____ is to hate evil; pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the _____ mouth do I _____.”

10 More to be DESIRED are they than GOLD, yea, than much fine gold; SWEETER also than HONEY and the honeycomb.

•**Psalm 119:72** “The law of Your mouth is _____ to me than thousands of shekels of _____ and _____.”

•**Psalm 119:127** “Therefore I _____ your _____ more than _____, yes, than fine _____!”

•**Proverbs 8:10-11 & 19** “Receive My instruction, and not _____; and knowledge rather than choice _____; for _____ is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.” (Verse 19) “My fruit is better than _____, yes, than fine _____, and My revenue than choice silver.”

11-13 Moreover by them Your SERVANT is WARNED, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? CLEANSE me from secret FAULTS. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great TRANSGRESSION.

•**Psalm 51:1-2** “Have _____ on me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, _____ out my _____. Wash me thoroughly from my _____, and _____ me from my _____.”

•**Numbers 15:30** “But the person who does anything _____, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings _____ on the _____, and he shall be cut off from among his people.”

•**Romans 6:12-14** “Therefore do not _____ sin _____ in your mortal _____, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as _____ of _____ to _____, but _____ yourselves to _____ as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments

of _____ to _____. For _____ shall _____ have _____ over you, for you are _____ under law but under _____. ”
•**Psalm 119:133** “_____ my _____ by Your _____, and let no iniquity have _____ over me.”

Definition: “**By them Your SERVANT is WARNED**” – God’s word, especially His commandments, not only tell us what we **SHOULD** do, but also **WARN US of what we SHOULD NOT do**. Paul tells us in I Corinthians 10:1-11, that the things the Israelites did when God punished them in the wilderness are **EXAMPLES** for us - not examples of what we should do, but **what we should NOT do**. Another word used in the Bible is “**ADMONITION**”, which means a GENTLE reproof, counsel or **WARNING of consequences of disobedience; ENCOURAGEMENT** and advice, especially in indicating **duties and obligations**.

•**I Corinthians 10:6 & 11** “Now these things became our _____ to the intent that we _____ lust after _____ things as they also lusted.” (Vs. 11)
“Now all these things happened to them as _____, and they were _____ for our _____, on whom the ends of the ages have come.”

Definition: “**CLEANSE me from secret FAULTS. Keep back Your servant also from PRESUMPTUOUS SINS**” – “**Secret FAULTS**” are the things that we are not aware of, or are keeping hidden (although God knows about them, of course). “**PRESUMPTUOUS SINS**” are those sins that we commit KNOWING FULL WELL what they are and that they are AGAINST God’s commandments, and yet we do them anyway. As believers in Jesus, God promises to forgive our sins if we confess them to Him, but we also need to remember that to continue in presumptuous sins, knowing that they are wrong, will bring God’s CHASTENING and DISCIPLINE upon us, and that is never fun. Chastening is not the same as punishment, but is like a child getting a spanking in order to TEACH the child NOT to do the bad behavior they were doing.

•**I John 1:9** “If we _____ our _____, He is _____ and just to us our _____ and to _____ us from all unrighteousness.”
•**Hebrews 12:5-6 & 11** “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons, ‘My _____, do not despise the _____ of the _____, nor be discouraged when you are _____ by Him; for whom the Lord _____ He _____, and scourges every _____ whom He receives.’” (Verse 11) “Now no chastening seems to be _____ for the present, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable _____ of _____ to those who have been _____ by it.”

14 Let the WORDS of my MOUTH and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my REDEEMER.

•**Psalm 51:15** “O Lord, open my lips, and my _____ shall _____ forth Your _____.”
•**Matthew 12:36-37** “But I say to you that for every idle _____ men may _____, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your _____ you will be justified, and by your _____ you will be condemned.”

Definition: “**O Lord, my strength and my REDEEMER**” – God is our Redeemer in that He REDEEMS us from our sin. REDEMPTION, the act of redeeming, means buying back, freeing from captivity by paying of a RANSOM. Jesus PAID, with His blood, for us to be FREED from the CAPTIVITY of SIN.