



HOW DOES GOD SPEAK? Psalm 19

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God inspired David to write this psalm when he was running from the deadly sword of King Saul. For years, David hid in hills, caves, desert wilderness, and even with Israel's most dangerous enemies, the Philistines. Loneliness and isolation must have made David yearn for the chance to talk to someone – anyone! David must have cried out: “Why don't you say something, God?”

In this electronic age of information and communication, modern man still wants to hear the voice of God. Man wants to hear God speak to him. But how does a person hear the voice of God? How does God communicate with us? How does God speak?

Here in Psalm 19, David tells us **THREE** methods in God's communication with us.

I. God Speaks NON-VERBALLY Through CREATION (verse 1-6)

1. The HEAVENS and the UNIVERSE tell about God (verse 1)
2. The DAY and the NIGHT tell about God (verses 2-4)
3. The SUNRISE and the SUNSET tell about God (verse 5-6)

II. God Speaks VERBALLY Through SCRIPTURE (verse 7-11)

1. Six NOUNS that are synonyms for God's Word
2. Seven predicate ADJECTIVES that describe God's Word
3. Five PARTICIPIAL PHRASES that show the power of God's Word
4. Four VALUES of having God's Word

III. God Speaks VISIBLY Through GRACE

(verse 12-14)

1. Grace is based on our sin (verse 12-13)
2. Grace is offered on God's terms (verse 14)

Your Response:

1. Can you name some geographical places where God communicates to you through His creation? Is it in the mountains, desert, ocean, forest, wildlife, or someplace else where He speaks to you? What do these places say to you about God? Take a minute in prayer to thank God for these places.
2. How often do you read God's written words? Do you have a Bible memorization plan and do you practice it? Re-read verses 7-10 of Psalm 19 and rehearse the benefits of studying and applying God's Word. Make a commitment today to have a daily time with God where you hear God speak to you through His written word.
3. In verses 12-14, the writer lists the things he needed removed from his life. Why can't a person remove them on their own? List the specific errors, hidden faults, and willful sins in your life that need removing? Have you experienced God's grace and repented of these things in your life?

Resources:

Psalms (2 volumes) by Derek Kidner
No One Like Him: The Doctrine of God by: John S. Feinberg
Exposition of Psalms by H.C. Leupold
Psalms by Elmer Leslie
The Knowledge of the Holy by A. W. Tozer