

## PSALM 19

### How Big Is *Your* God?

#### **DAVID'S THREE CONCLUSIONS REGARDING:**

Psalm 19

#### **NATURE:**

A creation always reveals something about its creator.  
Psalm 19:1-6, Psalm 8:1-4, Romans 1:18-21, Job 38, Isaiah 40:12-15, 21-22, 25-28

Traveling at the speed of light it would take:

.11 seconds \_\_\_\_\_ to go around the earth.  
1.3 seconds \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the moon.  
8.3 minutes \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the sun.  
13.7 days \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Pluto.  
4.3 years \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Alpha Centauri.  
100,000 years \_\_\_\_\_ to cross our galaxy.

#### **WORD:**

The God this big has a word that is:  
Psalm 19:7-10

- ▶ Perfect
- ▶ Trustworthy
- ▶ Right

A loving Creator both warns and rewards His creation.  
Psalm 19:11

#### **MANKIND:**

The God this big is:  
Psalm 19:12-14

only hindered by our sin \_\_\_\_\_.  
worthy of our thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ and actions \_\_\_\_\_.

# Food for Thought

For the week of June 17, 2007

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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1. This weekend we took a look at how God's creation reveals His glory. Take a minute and jot down your own definition of "glory."

Loui Giglio attempted to describe God's glory as "the sum of His magnificent attributes and the eternal fame of His mysterious works." Romans 11:33-36 is often referred to as the "doxology" that can be understood as a statement of God's Glory. Take a minute and pray through this passage while you reflect on His attributes, fame, and mystery.

## **Romans 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!

[34] "Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?"

[35] "Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay him?"

[36] For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen. [NIV]

How do the following passages help you understand how God's glory shows up in His people?

## **Genesis 1:26-31**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

[27] So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

[28] God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

[29] Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. [30] And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

[31] God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day. [NIV]

### **Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. [NIV]

### **Romans 8:28-30**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. [29] For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30] And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. [NIV]

### **2 Corinthians 4:17**

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. [NIV]

### **Colossians 1:25-27**

I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness-- [26] the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. [27] To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. [NIV]

2. It's important that we know the God that we follow. When we begin to understand the significance of His glory we are faced with a question....."How do I respond to a God like that?" What advice do we get in Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9?

### **Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.

[2] Do not be quick with your mouth,  
do not be hasty in your heart  
to utter anything before God.

God is in heaven  
and you are on earth,  
so let your words be few.

[3] As a dream comes when there are many cares,  
so the speech of a fool when there are many words.

[4] When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow.

[5] It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it. [6] Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, "My vow was a mistake." Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? [7] Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore stand in awe of God. [NIV]

### **Psalm 96:1-9**

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
[2] Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.  
[3] Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
[4] For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.  
[5] For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.  
[6] Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.  
[7] Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
[8] Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come into his courts.  
[9] Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth. [NIV]

3. Pastor Chris outlined some of the benefits of obedience found in Psalm 19. Deuteronomy 28 goes into a lot more depth on the same topic. In light of these chapters, how do you think it was possible for the Israelites to turn from God and disobey His specific commandments and instruction?

What hope could the nation of Israel have found in 2 Chronicles 30:6-9?

### **2 Chronicles 30:6-9**

At the king's command, couriers went throughout Israel and Judah with letters from the king and from his officials, which read:  
"People of Israel, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, that he may return to you who are left, who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. [7] Do not be like your fathers and brothers, who were unfaithful to the Lord, the God of their fathers, so that he made them an object of horror, as you see. [8] Do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were; submit to the Lord. Come to the sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever. Serve the Lord your God, so that his fierce anger will turn away from you. [9] If you return to the Lord, then your brothers and your children will be shown compassion by their captors and will come back to this land, for the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him." [NIV]