



New Year Message 2

Consider the Words from God

Psalms 19

Series Overview: This past year has been a test for humans in many ways. Yet every New Year brings hope. A page is turned. Goals are in place. The human spirit receives a sometimes too brief of a lift as resolutions dissipate. But believers in God know Who is in control and Who offers solutions for all earthly problems. It is now a time for **Inspiration!** Not only the divinely **inspired** Word of God, but **inspiration** from various sources that calm the soul and elevate our hearts to greatness! One definition of “inspiration” is the “action or power of moving the intellect or emotions.” In this series, we will consider a few of the great Psalms from King David that continue to move our mind and spirit to trust in our God. This “book” is a collection of poetry, or songs, that speak to a great variety of human experiences. It gives answers to many of life’s great questions. In these divine psalms, we find **Inspiration!**

Lesson Introduction: God created this world, its vegetation, its animals, and human beings as we noted in Psalm 8, and how the creation of this amazing world was the “work of his fingers”! Since humans were his crowning achievement, the ones made in his image and the ones he desired to have a relationship with, wouldn’t it stand to reason that some type of communication would be necessary? Humans, equipped with minds and given the power of choice, need to hear from their Creator in order to know how to live and to please Him. So, David again, composes a song highlighting two of the ways God can speak and reveal Himself to mankind. One is revealed in nature; the other is revealed in words. Both have great value to our pleasing God and living a life of continued **Inspiration!**

THE _____ DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD!

1. This vast universe and more specifically for us, the earth all speaks of the existence of God. Vs. 1
 - “Does God exist?”
 - “Did our world and humans evolve?”
 - “How can God, a Spirit, be known to us?”
 - The Psalmist gives two very clear answers from the “heavens” obvious to everyone on this earth.
2. The _____ “proclaim the work of his hands.”
 - Every day they are a reality that shows God is real, that He cares for us, and speaks to us. Vs. 2
 - They have no words yet speak clearly to the power, authenticity, and truth of God. Vs. 3
 - No one is exempt from this testimony; no one can plead ignorance. (Romans 2:12-16). Vs. 4

3. The _____ in the sky also tells us of the goodness of God.
- Its rising and setting every day of our life speaks on the consistency of our God. Vs. 5-6
 - Its "warmth" allows us to exist and the earth to function. Vs. 6

THE _____ OF THE LORD ARE SPOKEN AND WRITTEN!

1. Consider the amazing words of God as revealed to us in the Scriptures.

"All scripture is God-breathed..." 2 Timothy 3:16

"You must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:20-21

- The _____ of the Lord is perfect... vs. 7
 - The _____ of the Lord are trustworthy... vs. 7
 - The _____ of the Lord are right... vs. 8
 - The _____ of the Lord are radiant... vs. 8
 - The _____ of the Lord is pure... vs. 9
 - The _____ of the Lord are firm... vs. 9
2. Consequently, they have worth, truth, power, direction, inspiration, all with eternal consequences. Vss. 10-13
- They are more _____ than gold
 - They are _____ than honey
 - They are able to both _____ and _____ children of God
 - They reveal our _____ faults
 - They keep us from _____ sins
 - They allow us to pursue a life that is _____ and _____.

So...what is today's *INSPIRATION* from Psalm 19?

***"Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, Lord,
because you are my mighty rock and protector." Vs. 14 (CEV)***

Remember from Lesson 1 the good prayer to say (or song to sing) every morning this year:

"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

(the classic song "Doxology")