

Titus - Paul says 3:9 Avoid foolish questions - - Unprofitable & Vain -

Acts 15:2 Paul to Jer. Question of animal laws. WHERE TO GET THE ANSWERS

Acts 23:6 "I am called into Question of hope in Resurrection" Psalm 19

We may put a Q mark where God puts a period -

1 K. 10:3 "And Solomon Told her All her Questions" Queen of Sheba -

Mark 1:7 Members of Synagogue "Amazed Questioned Among Themselves" - New Doctrine, Authority, Uncommon Spirits they him.

You know sometimes you sit down and you think about the world and the ridiculous things about the world. Many times we think about the things that cause you to laugh. And then you think about, well now, quite often I feel like crying. There are many many people who are in the world - who are spinning around in space and really do not know where the world is headed. And they cannot get along with each other. And they never seem to have much rest in this world. And some people really don't care about it.

There are some folks if they have food in their stomachs, a roof over their head, some money in their pockets - they feel they have the answers. And then there are other people who are always searching for the answers. They have to get away from it real often.

Human Being

I wonder if we are making the proper approach as to where to get the answers. You sit down, or you take a long walk in the park, and you scratch your head on the bald spots, and there were people who did exactly this years ago. And they were called philosophers. These people tried to work out a principle. And these principles, they said, lied behind human conduct. And this fascinating. The next time you see a person like that - scratching a bald spot on his head, talking as he walks along - get into conversation with him. He is probably one of those rare birds. You may learn something. You may find that he has come up with some answers. Because the more he thinks, the more uncertain he is, that he has found the answer. Now this is not uncommon with these philosophers who think - they spend much

of their time thinking about what other thinkers think. And then deciding that they think that others are thinking wrong. Now if you follow the philosophers - you may be discouraged and confused.

You may solve your problem like the dog who looks into the reflection in the pool. It is a reflection of himself - there I am, at least I think I am there. It is kind of a shakey proposition.

It is something like I read about a boy finding a transistorized calculator, out in the field. He sits down and scratches his head and begins to speculate. About what he has found. I think it is a bomb, he says. And if I press this button, and throw this little gadget over there - "I can blow up my school". Now that may be pretty good speculation but it is inaccurate.

Well, having tried that without success, he may say - well, I know it is a dictionary. That fell out of a flying saucer. And if I press enough of these buttons I can learn how to speak. Like those people who live on the moon and in the planets above. But that is just about as boring as learning how to handle Latin. And the calculator is not good for that either. Well, he does some more speculation which is useless - until a little man in a shabby raincoat with big glasses comes by - and he says, to the boy, "thank goodness! you have found my calculator". I lost it, and I have been working on that thing for years. Here, let me show you what it is and how it works. Now this means the end to all of his speculation about what has been going on. And the boy begins now to get some revelation.

When people are hunting for the answers to life, and to the needs which they have

in this world, they make a lot of speculation about things. But our Psalm today will help you to start with the beginning of the revelation.

Now life is not just a big fly in the ointment. And you question this or you question the other. And God has not left us without some answers to our questions. And God is going to give us some very understandable things in this Psalm that will have information for us - that will help us in a multitude of ways.

*Proclamation of Nature 1-6
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I. THE PROCLAMATION OF NATURE - V.1-6

Home Life magazine had a little story about a woman working in her kitchen. The telephone rings - she thought the children would answer. But finally she gave her dish water hands a drying and answered the phone. Hello. And as she said hello - she was expressing, I'm busy. But that didn't hinder her neighbor, a friend of hers, from saying - look out your front window. The sunset is unusual. The lady went and looked, and then she went outside and joined the neighbor. And their words were just too small. Moments of unplanned, shared silence, replaced them. Both of them seemed to know what the other was thinking. For some months, life had been easy for one. The feelings of guilt in the life of another. It had cost her to drop out of church and to withdraw from her Christian friends. She had faced the period of crisis because of bitterness and loneliness. They had the ability there to share. And darkness came on - and before this one had gone back and finished her dishes, the neighbor came in and poured out the rest of her soul. You know, I've been thinking about the sunset. Doesn't the Bible say something about the Heavens showing the glory of God. And then the woman got her Bible and in Psalm 19 - she handed it to her - and she read silently for a few moments. I've never saw this in the second verse before, she read a loud. Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge. This woman went back to church. She found new joy in Christ.

A sunset and a friend and an important verse in the Bible, and a loving church, became a great blessing.

In V. (1) - He says the heavens are telling. The glory of God. This is God's revelation - this is symbolic. It is romantic. An artist looks at a sunset, at the Heavens. A scientist studies them. Have you looked at any good sunsets lately? Maybe on a lake, maybe at the beach, maybe out where you live, maybe in the mountains. And then watch the sunset as the night stretched out and closed in. Yes, this is God's way of speaking. Through a strange voice. Through nature - his proclamation. He says here, that the firmament showeth the handiwork. This is the history of the creation.

This is a message that is carried everywhere - it is inescapable. No one can escape this message of the Heavens and the firmament that is spread out here before us.

V. (2) - He says the day speaks and the nights brings knowledge. Each day teaches us a fresh and anew. No Holiday for God. There is never a day or a night but what God is speaking and proclaiming. And this is a strange, strange message. To whom is he proclaiming.

V. (3) - The revelation here is no speech nor language - their voice is not heard. Here comes with unrelenting force, a common language. Every nation has a different language. The proclamation that God makes is for everyone. It is in their own language. Each day teaches. And the revelation may be silent, but it speaks. Like a sunset. It has its own language.

The red sky at night is a shepherd's delight. The red sky at morning is a shepherd's warning. Now there are people who study the sky and the Heavens.

Meteorologists look at the Heavens and they declare what the weather forecast is going to be. But here, the Psalmist says, the Heavens declare the glory of God.

The reverent observer here will discover and know that there are many many stars that are visible to the naked eye. And as you look, you remember that light travels

at the remarkable speed of 186,300 miles per second. one star (Capella) appears bright to us is 45 light-years away or 260 million million miles from us. The nearest star (alpha Centauri) is 4.3 light-years from us. Tens of thousands of stars are 20,000 light-years away. 300 light-years only a step into outer space. Men explore Moon, only 1.3 light seconds from the earth.

Man could spend an entire life time traveling at speed of light, He could not reach one step into the
We can learn here from any source that there is a great and a glorious God.

When people begin to realize that God is the God of the Heavens, that that may ^{think} ^{of the Creation} ^{of God} twice about twisting God around their fingers. And they may on the other hand, feel more confident about the world situation if they are going to trust it in his hands.

It is a gorgeous thing to fly across the Atlantic and to fly in the change of time zones, and to see the beautiful colors - the gorgeous dawn. And the blackness of the sunrise.

It is comforting to know that the sunrise will come right on time. We reckon on this. We even talk about its certainty. The day follows the night. And that is what the Psalmist means - day unto day uttereth speech. The fact that the day comes, and the days come and go with total consistency. It tells about the reliability of God. About the fidelity of our God.

V. 4 - He talks about the reaches of this message of this proclamation - he says it has gone through all the earth. To the ends of the world. And God has set

up, he says, a tabernacle for the sun - V. 4. That is, on the whole - there is no point on the earth's surface where the message of the Heavens has not been preached. He set a tabernacle for the sun. And that is such a beautiful description. He has fixed and arranged a vault. A place assigned for the sun.

And then, V. 5 - He says the bridegroom rejoiceth about this. That is all that encompasses everything. And this revelation goes to the pagans, and that is the purpose of the sun - to shout the message of God. And he says, the bridegroom rejoices. Of the daily sunrise. It reminds him of a bridegroom on his wedding day. Now as a pastor, I have officiated at many many weddings. Now my experience of the bridegrooms has not always been so positive. ^{one funeral} Some of them have been a little bit the opposite. This is not really the important part that I want to get across to you. He says, the bridegroom rejoices with the sunrise each day.

V. 6 - He says, this message has moved through the circuit of the earth. It has touched the ends of the earth. The irresistible, majesty of God's being has gone to the ends of the earth.

Now is this all that God has done to give us the answer unto himself. Is this all that we have to go upon.

II. PROVISIONS OF SCRIPTURE - V. 7-9

Now a person might say, well, that is just a partial view of God to look at

Second, the testimony of the Lord is sure - making wise the simple. Ex.25:16.

The testimony gives credit - that it is sure and it will make them wise. It is taken as an obligation. It is like a covenant relation of God's people. This testimony or word of God as he speaks of it.

V. 8
Third, the statutes of the Lord is right. Rejoicing the heart. They are right exacting agreement. The doctrinal part - the charges which have been given on special occasions. These are eternal rule. And if they are followed, they will cause the heart to rejoice.

You remember in the first Psalm - in that first chapter, that he says the pursuit of happiness. How you get it. By having a delight in the law of the Lord. And here he stresses that there is to be a rejoicing.

Fourth, the commandments of the Lord are pure. Enlightening the eyes. You get your questions answered. Have you ever seen a child on his first Birthday party. And his eyes are as big as saucers when he sees that cake with one single candle burning. You just recollect the wonder of it. And the thrill of that little child. His eyes are open. Things are new. They are strange. He didn't know about that before. And that is the difference in the revelation of God. When you have been exposed to these things, then you no longer speculate - but he says, they are enlightenment to you.

V. 9
Fifth, the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever. V. 9. A reverence

the Heavens. And that answers just part of my question.

Now let us come to the next part of this book. There are some people who believe that these are two Psalms. But, nevertheless, here is what we have here. Here is another source of knowing God. Of getting instructions of God. We look at the Heavens, now we look at the Bible. And, we've found the natural things. But now we look at the spiritual things. So this is great in comparison.

There are at least six titles - six words which he uses concerning the word of God.

V. 7
First, the law. V. 7. The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul. 2 Tim. 3:17, Rom. 7:12, Gal. 3:20. This remarkable revelation in inspired Scripture is something that causes man to say (farewell to philosophy) and human thinking. And man now will really listen because we have turned from the nonsense of man's thinking to the intended truth of God as revealed in the Scriptures. So much thinking today on the (subject of rights) that people have, about the problems they have, that their rights are being abused. People have lost what the Scripture speaks about responsibilities. Rather than rights. The people who concentrate on responsibilities - others would have their rights. If we are constantly pressing for our rights, that is (humanistic) in our thoughts.

Now here is what God's word will do for us.

Now there are some people who can say I can worship God out on the golf course. But do you. There is little chance that the best country club in the land is equipped

to help you worship God. With all of the sand traps and water holes - they don't have anything like this on the tees or on the score card to tell you the source of the Gospel.

But here is a clear distinction between knowledge and wisdom when he says here that a man - the law is perfect. Hence, the law converts.

We are fortunate indeed to have the word of the Lord. The Bible designed this to renew one's life.

Charles Dickens wrote his son in Australia - upon leaving home, I put a New Testament among your books. For the very same reason and the very same hope that made me write a simple account of it when you were a little child. Because it is the best book that ever was - or ever will be known to the world. I now most solemnly impress upon you the truth, and the beauty of the Christian religion as it came from Christ himself. Never abandon the wholesome practice of saying your own private prayers, night and morning. The Bible is designed to instruct the simple, the open-minded.

Yes, the Bible is able to instruct beyond question. President Hoover once said, here - there is no book so various as the Bible. Nor one so full of consentrated wisdom. Whether it be law, business, morals, or vision. He who seeks for guidance may look inside its covers and find illumination. The Psalmist says the law is perfect.

is produced. Not only cleanses us of our ways, but it produces reverence in our lives. As we note this. This gives a clear direction to an individual. Quite often you hear a church say, we are looking for a preacher. Who will be fearless. Uncompromising. That is - tell them what they want to hear without holding back anything.

Now God does not go to work that way. Now God spells out these things, and he explains what to do, and he explains what not to do, how to do it, or not to do it. As the case may be. And then he promises you what will happen and leaves the choice to the individual. You don't have to wait for some preacher to come along and tell you like it is - they say. Whether you feel inclined to obey or disinclined to obey. You can be equally sure of what will happen. God has spoken here. He says the fear of the Lord is clean. And how long is it going to endure - forever.

Sixth - the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. The civil statutes, the rules for deciding questions, the property, the precepts, are very true. And they are very sacred. Now these are wonderful words and they are authority. They are the Scripture. And they ought to create in us a desire to depend upon the promises of God. Just to know what you will be doing - the right thing is wonderful. To be convinced of being told the pure truth, these are comforting words. Hence the judgements of the Lord are righteous altogether, he says.

V. 10 - The value of the provisions of the Scripture.

First, they are to be desired - more than gold. That is the wealth of this earth.

Ez. 3:17.

And sweeter than honey How sweet is that? Did you ever get a hold of a dull page of truth in God's Scripture and taste the sweetness of it. Have you ever come to pages with fear and find sweet peace. And guilt was found of forgiveness. And this is something about the beauty and the provision of this book.

V. 11 We are warned and we are rewarded. It is a wonderful thing. Thy servant is warned and in keeping these, he is going to have great reward.

There is no doubt that the Scripture is a little bit too hot for you to handle. That may be why people like to have some preacher who kind of doctors it up for them. Some materials and you rub it with the grain and it smoothes things out. Against the grain and it will ruff things up. But the warning here is a rebuke. You are going to be enlightened of the dangers of sin.

Now the rewards are that you are going to begin loving what God wants done. Gen. 15:1. You are not going to work for God as a servant or for hire - but it is going to become a joy for you. With and for God.

III. PERVASION OF PRAYER

This means to pass through. To permeate. To be difused throughout. The Psalmist now comes to the final thing - the pervasion of prayer in the last 3 verses.

a plea as he goes about it with his prayer, for my errors and my secret sins.

Eldon Johnson - Folk - Rope - Bar/Chalk - Make Mark for Every die told - Eldon Roberts What, The monster
up there - she shon - Jumping down off the pole "At'm joss" - "Carin back at'm
Some mo chalk" -

yr at Baptizing Abk the monster went up, find a living, Went go to heaven - up out of sight - 2 days out - Pres Roberts Pastor
10th mo. moved - my family all dead. + he

V.13

the pole
sho, sho

That is deliberate sins. Deut. 17:12. Dan. 5:20. Now this is instruction from God. And he wants to be his hidden faults - and now he wants to be cleansed from these presumptuous sins. And listen to what David says, and I shall be innocent from the great or much transgression.

You know what David had learned. Here is what he says (if I had prayed so
in the case of Uriah and Bathsheba - I would have been kept back from the great sin
of my life. The great transgression. See the truth. The pervasion of prayer.

A little secret faults but here are these presumptuous, planned, thought about sins that he is going to take part in. And he said, I have prayed and if I had prayed to be kept back. If I had prayed like this before, I would not have had the great transgression.

V. 14 / V. 14 - It is a petition. Let the words of my mouth, the meditations of my heart, and that is a beautiful prayer that can be answered by us. When we delight in the law of the Lord and meditate there on, day and night.

Now the natural man is not a satisfactory referee - because he wants to change the rules half ways through the game. Rather than sticking to them and enforcing them. Now the challenge of God is, that you live according to what God has said. The words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable.

This means that you are going to desire to please God. That the hope and the approach of your whole life is going to be to please him.

Now this is where you can find the answers to understand your errors and your sins.

Did you know that one thing that hinders us from this is - that we take such a light view of sin.

Professor Drummand of Scotland was visiting a meeting. He was not on the program. But they asked him if he would say a few words. He said, what I will do is, I will make a statement - fact that I know. And then you may ask me questions. Here is the fact, that in recent revival movements he had observed that there were very few indications of that deep conviction of sin which had been a marked feature of revival in past days. And this is his question - was God modifying the method of salvation.

Now that fact and that question is still with us today. Indeed the common attitude today is to preach sin in a very light affair.

As Sir Oliver Lodge said, men of culture are not bothered about their sins. Sin has become a light-hearted word. Indeed, he says, it is a disturbing word. And so many have dropped it and dressed it up and softened it down. When a man or woman trod in an evil path, they say of him - he is a little gay. Or he is living a rather fast life. He has been somewhat foolish. Or he has forgotten himself. He made a little mistake.

He said, it was as if they had called the cancer - just a little troublesome abscess.

In 1906, Winston Churchill made a speech to the house of commons. Later on, somebody asked him about his election speech. The plain English of it was that he had told some lies. But his reply was, no, he had not told lies. He said merely terminological inexactitudes. And that was the climate of the age. And so we discover

the Gospel of cheerfulness and we don't trouble about our sins.

A lion in a zoo some years ago had been in confinement. He was counted perfectly safe. There was no idea there was any violence in him. All of that was upset. The lion tore his keeper to pieces. Showing his savage passion.

V. 14 Confronts us with Christ - O Lord, My Strength & My Redeemer"

Redeemer: speaks of restoration, purchase, release, Here find All Answer!!
Fulfillment is in Jesus, The Living Word. "Then sing My Soul - How great Thou art!"

And that is the thing about sin - it is gradual and it is silent growth. How great Thou art!

You are all familiar with that if you think about it. And think about little children - how they grow. One day you meet a friend and you exclaim, my, how that boy has grown! I should have never known him. And it seems as yesterday that they were infants. Little legs stumbling around. Today, they are out in the world. And it is hard for parents to realize that they are grown up.

Let me close with this illustration of the old bridge, in Scotland. It was built by General Wade. In the time of the Jacobite risings in order to reach the highland plains more easily. It was a massive structure - high above the rocky cliffs. And it was used for years. And then it was pronounced unsafe and closed for travel. A tiny birch seed had ruined the bridge. One day a gust of wind had caught a seed and landed it in a small opening above the keystone. It sank into the molding line and it germinated in the rain. And it grew into a little sapling. It went unnoticed. It could have been pulled out by a child. But that was not done and people crossed it and never thought about it being allowed to grow into a tree. Deeper and stronger the roots went down into the masonry part and in a few years the ark will fall and the bridge will be completely ruined. Because of a seed so small that a little gust of wind brought it. And a

sappling, and the people remained real quiet. And they thought it would never grow into a tree.

Undoubtedly in many lives, there are those like that bridge. There is no sin too powerful to get rid of. A little trifling error that I have, no matter how deep and strong its roots. You need to cry, oh wretched man, who shall deliver me. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who can understand his errors and cleanse thou me from secret faults.

2 excellent Books
creation - ~~Book~~

The Glory of God (Where to get the Answers)
- Find the 1

V.1 Heaven - Delane - Glory
Firmament - Show - Handy work -
Hint of creation

I. ~~Natural Sources~~
Proclamation of Nature

2. Day - Speech - Gen 8:22 covenant Noah ~~at N not clear~~
Night - Knowledge

To Whom?

V.3 Speech Every language - common language
Nations are different

V.4 Monument - (Earth) - Place assigned - Solid Vault -

V.5 Bridge over Abysses -

6 - Circuit of Earth -

42 → 7. ① Law - perfect - Hence is
Convert. -
② Testimony - True Hence is
given credit - Maker wise

2 Tim 3:17
Rom 7:12
Gal 3:28

Scripture -
Provisions of Books
II. Spiritual Sources

8. ③ Statutes - Right-expected agreement
Right heart - Covenant Relation of all people.

④ Commandments → Enlightenment - Doctrinal
stimulus - charges given on special occasions.

9. ⑤ Law - Chan - True - Rel. reverence - Change our way -

⑥ Judgement - Civil statutes, rules for deciding questions of property.
Scripture are true & sacred

10. David - Psalm (Honey) - Psalm 3:17

11. Values - warned - Rebuke, Enlightened danger of sin
Rewards - Gen 15:1 Love God not as this life
We call for

III. Pervasion of Prayer
to pass through private,
diffused throughout

32 Prayer 12. Errors

Pha → Secrets -

Pr 13 - Presumption - Sin
"Keep me Back" - Sing celebration
Psalm 17:12
Psalm 5:50

Petition 14. Prayer - Words - M.
Meditations H -

Main object - full acceptance
with Thee!

David
if I had Prayed so in the case of
Wish & Bathsheba, I would have
been kept back from the great sin of my life - The Great Transgression

My Rock - immovable faithfulness
to the promise