

THE WEEK OF
June 14th, 2010



Summer of
Psalms

Psalm 19, part one

**"The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."**

–Psalm 19:1

Many of us, as children, attempted to count the stars in the sky. We wanted to know how many are out there, and so we began, one by one to number them. It didn't take long, though, for us to realize that there are a lot more stars than we could count. So we gave up. But that exercise, so familiar to us as human beings, reveals something very important. It speaks of the vast nature of the cosmos. Furthermore, the vastness of space reveals something of the vast nature of the God who created the space. This is one example of the General Revelation of God (that His creation speaks about Him). And that revelation is what the first part of Psalm 19 is focusing in on.

No doubt, we have all seen something in nature that blew our minds and made us think that an impersonal force with no source (like the "big bang" theory proposes) could not have produced such beauty.

Just this morning, I saw the most amazing sunrise. The only way to describe it is to say that it looked like a crown of gold sitting on top of the mountain range. To think of the complexity of light, and the sheer beauty it can bring to our eyes speaks of a gifted creator.

God didn't inspire this psalm to brag about Himself, but rather it's a reminder of how He reveals himself. Us humans tend to get it all wrong, and therefore we need the reminders.

This week, look around at your world and find the examples of General Revelation. Write down the effect they have on your daily life.

Read the Proverb and the section of Psalm 119 that corresponds with the calendar day example:
If it's the 1st day of the month, read Proverbs 1 and Psalm 119:1-8 (Aleph)

Mon: Psalm 14; Proverb 14

Tue: Psalm 15; Proverb 15

Wed: Psalm 16; Proverb 16

Thu: Psalm 17; Proverb 17

Fri: Psalm 18; Proverb 18

Discussion Questions for Bible Café:

1. What are some examples of God's general revelation in creation?

2. Read Romans 1:18-20. What does Paul speak about God's general revelation?

Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):