

Counter Cultural: Following Jesus in a Hostile World

How to Think Biblically

Psalm 19

Dr. Stephen Rummage, Senior Pastor

Bell Shoals Baptist Church

August 5, 2018



What we believe about God

How we live the vast majority of our lives

Every worldview seeks answers to three basic questions:

1. Where did everything come from?
2. What went wrong?
3. What can fix the problem?

Biblical Christianity gives these answers ...

1. Where did everything come from?
Creation — God made us.
2. What went wrong?
Fall — Sin separates us from God and harms all of creation.
3. What can fix the problem?
Redemption — Jesus' death and resurrection can make us right with God, individually and globally.

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Psalm 19:1 (ESV)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

Psalm 19:2 (ESV)

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Psalm 19:3 (ESV)

There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Psalm 19:4 (ESV)

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun,

Psalm 19:5 (ESV)

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Psalm 19:6 (ESV)

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psalm 19:7 (ESV)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

Psalm 19:8 (ESV)

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psalm 19:9 (ESV)

the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

Psalm 19:10 (ESV)

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psalm 19:11 (ESV)

Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 19:12 (ESV)

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Psalm 19:13 (ESV)

Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Psalm 19:14 (ESV)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

We can see God in ...

1. The Majesty of His Creation

Psalm 19:1 (ESV)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

Psalm 19:2 (ESV)

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Psalm 19:3 (ESV)

There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Psalm 19:4 (ESV)

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun,

Psalm 19:5 (ESV)

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Psalm 19:6 (ESV)

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 119:90 (ESV)

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Psalm 119:91 (ESV)

By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.

Romans 1:20 (ESV)

For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:25 (ESV)

... they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

2. The Truth of His Word

Psalm 19:7 (ESV)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

Psalm 19:8 (ESV)

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psalm 19:9 (ESV)

the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

Psalm 19:10 (ESV)

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psalm 19:11 (ESV)

Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV)

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Ephesians 4:18 (ESV)

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3. The Conviction of His Spirit

Psalm 19:12 (ESV)

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Psalm 19:13 (ESV)

Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Psalm 19:14 (ESV)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

10 questions to ask when you read your Bible, hear a sermon, or listen to Bible teaching:

1. Is there an attribute of God to praise?
2. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
3. Is there a command to obey?
4. Is there an example to follow?
5. Is there an idea to meditate on?
6. Is there a principle to apply?
7. Is there a promise to claim?
8. Is there a sin to avoid?
9. Is there a warning to heed?
10. Is there a verse to memorize?