

## The Revelation of God (Part III)

### *Psalm 19:12-14*

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Introduction: We have seen previously that Psalm 19 declares the revelation of God both in the skies (:1-6) & in the Scriptures (:7-11). While His glory is revealed in the natural revelation, His greatness is revealed in the written revelation. We noted before Spurgeon's observation, "He is wiseth who reads both the world-book (nature) & the Word-book (Bible) as two volumes of the same work, & feels concerning them, 'My Father wrote them both'." While God has revealed (& is revealing) His majesty in the skies & in the Scriptures, He now reveals Himself to the soul. Consider with me this evening how God has revealed Himself in the soul, as we see His grace in the life of David. Note David's confession in verses 12 & 13, & his consecration in verse 14.

#### I. His **confession** (:12-13)

##### A. Prayer for cleansing from sin (:12) > [Justification??]

1. "*Errors*" - from the verb, 'to stray' - to make a mistake, to err; hence, a transgression, a sin. [Consider the deceitfulness of sin – compare Hebrews 11:25 with 3:13.]
2. "By the law is the knowledge of sin, & in the presence of divine truth, the Psalmist marvels at the number & heinousness of his sins" (Spurgeon). Compare Isaiah 6:5.  
Illustrate: "Augustine wrote in his older days a series of Retractions; ours might make a library if we had enough grace to be convinced of our mistakes & to confess them" (Spurgeon).
3. "*Secret faults*" - from the verb, 'to hide' - keep secret, conceal; hence, sins not disclosed, hidden, not obvious. See Jeremiah 17:9.
4. "It were hopeless to expect to see all my spots; therefore, O Lord, wash away in the atoning blood even those sins which my conscience has been unable to detect" (Spurgeon).  
Summary: Cleansing is initiated by God (Isaiah 1:18) & enacted by Him (I John 1:9).

##### B. Prayer for keeping from sin (:13) > [Preservation??]

1. "*Presumptuous sins*" - literally, 'with a high hand' - "...with a raised clenched fist in defiance of God & His commands" (Ryrie). Under Jewish law, there was no atonement for presumptuous sin - it was judged. See Leviticus 4 & Numbers 15:30-31.
2. "This earnest humble prayer teaches us that saints may fall into the worst of sins unless restrained by grace, & that therefore they must watch & pray lest they enter into temptation" (Spurgeon).
3. Though believers today struggle with sin, we do not have to be under its dominion. See Romans 6:12, 14 & 8:12.
4. "*Upright*" - righteous, blameless; "*great transgression*" - unpardonable sin?? Compare I John 5:16-17. Here "*great transgression*" is parallel to "*presumptuous sins*" - "Presumptuous sins are very heinous & dangerous. Those that sin against the habitual convictions & actual admonitions of their own consciences, in contempt & defiance of the law & its sanctions, that sin with a high hand, sin presumptuously, & it is a great transgression" (Henry).

Summary: Consider the testimony of one saved "out of great sin" & the one saved "from great sin."

## II. His **consecration** (:14) > [Sanctification??]

### A. Prayer for consistency in his life:

1. "Words of the mouth are mockery if the heart does not meditate... both are useless unless accepted... it is all vanity if not acceptable in the sight of God" (Spurgeon). The word "*acceptable*" was used in the O.T. to refer to the priest's examination of the sacrifices to be offered, to determine if they were without blemish. If the sacrifice was not accepted neither was the worshiper (see Leviticus 1:1-9; 22:17-25 & Malachi 1:6-8).
2. The words of our mouth should reflect the attitude (meditation) of our heart – if not, it is hypocrisy. The words we speak begin with the thoughts in our heart (Matthew 12:33-37).
3. "We have reason for believing that our prayers will be heard when the words of the mouth truly express the meditation of the heart, & when that meditation is such as the psalmist's (Scroggie).

Summary: "Creation is God's 'wordless book,' & the Scriptures are God's holy Word to us, but God wants to hear our words as 'sacrifices' that please Him (Psalm 141:1-2; Hosea 14:2; & Hebrews 13:15)" (Wiersbe).

### B. Prayer for dependency upon his Lord:

1. "*My strength*" - literally, 'Rock' -- see Psalm 18:1-2.  
Illustrate: Evangelist Maze Jackson used to say, "I believe in 'Rock & Roll.' I'm anchored on the Rock of Ages & my name is on that Roll up in heaven."
2. "*My redeemer*" - Savior -- "We must in prayer view Jehovah as our strength enabling, & our Redeemer saving, or we shall not pray aright, & it is well to feel our personal interest so as to use the word 'my', or our prayers will be hindered" (Spurgeon).
3. "Our near Kinsman's name, our Goel or Redeemer, makes a blessed ending to the Psalm; it begins with the heavens, but it ends with Him whose glory fills heaven & earth. Blessed Kinsman, give us now to meditate acceptably upon Thy most sweet love & tenderness" (Spurgeon).

Conclusion: Have you prayed for cleansing from sin? Are you assured of God's forgiveness & now accepted in the Beloved? We need not only initial cleansing at salvation, but continual cleansing in our daily walk (sanctification). Are you conscious of God's keeping power, giving you the victory over sin's dominion? Paul tells us that we are not debtors to our flesh, to live after its lusts (see Romans 8:12).

Could you sincerely pray with David verse 14, "*Let the words of my mouth & the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my strength, & my redeemer*"? Is there consistency in your life between what you say & what you think? Is it your earnest desire to both meditate upon & articulate forth that which is pleasing unto the Lord? Do you allow God's Word to so saturate your heart & mind that you might know & do that which is right in His sight? The grace you can claim as a child of God is in knowing the Lord as your strength & as your Savior.

How is it with you tonight? As we contemplate this Psalm of God's majesty, can you praise Him for His glory revealed in the skies, for His greatness revealed in the Scriptures, & for His grace revealed in the soul? Can you pray sincerely & honestly with David these last three verses of Psalm 19?