



THE MESSENGER

DECEMBER 11, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

Today

Our Next Gospel Meeting

Next year

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 on Zoom

Times of Service

Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

First Friday of Month

Singing

January 6, 7:30

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REFLECTONS ON PSALM 19

The Apostle Paul provides us with a model for the expression of thankfulness. Invariably, regardless of what he was thankful for, the one he actually thanked was God. There must have been times when he said thank you directly to a person or a group, but what we have recorded are times when he said I thank God for.... If we are prone to thank someone directly for some action, perhaps, like Paul, we can train ourselves to thank God for what the other person has said or done. To that end, then, I thank God that we are blessed, week after week, to hear the Word of God proclaimed in an extraordinarily wonderful manner. Adam deserves our thanks, but God so much the more, for the great preaching available to us.

The sermon on Sunday morning, December 4, began a short series on Psalm 19. As was pointed out in the sermon, the Psalm begins with a declaration and a proclamation. First, let's consider the nature of a declaration. A declaration is meant to be formal and authoritative. It is to be heeded, not ignored; instructive, not useless. The more authoritative the one making the declaration, the more foolish it is for the declaration to go unheeded.

Let's take a closer look at Psalm 19:1. *The heavens declare the glory of God....* Although David wrote down those words, he is not the source of the declaration. Indeed, it originated long before David composed Psalm 19. Furthermore, the declaration continues delivering the same message for as long as the heavens shall last.

If this declaration did not originate with David, then whose is it? The text says the heavens declare, but how can that be? We understand that someone had to put the content of the declaration in the heavens, and that someone is God. *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)* When God created the heavens, He did so in a manner that, in addition to the purpose and function of the heavens in maintaining and sustaining life, they would be a formal announcement that mankind would need for his eternal well-being.

Members Needing Our Prayers

Mary Weatherholt, Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Dalton Denny, Charles Bishop, Brian Mason, The Byers family, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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Man has always been attracted to the sky and heavenly bodies. We find the sky useful in a variety of ways: flight, space travel, satellites, navigation, pure visual enjoyment, to cite just a few. But the declaration of Psalm 19:1 is not just poetry appealing to some and missed by others. It is a revelation by God. The heavens declare that what you see and experience as you gaze upward is the very glory of the creator.

The glory of God has to do with His magnificence as described in the Bible via His appearance, His mighty works, His fulfilled promises, and the desire, not yet realized, to be in His presence eternally. The beauty of the stars is the beauty of the glory of God; the light and warmth of the sun is the light and warmth of His glory; and so on. How can there be those who see the heavens but fail to thank God who declares it to be His glory? How can there be some who would even go so far as to deny the existence of an Almighty God?

God is the Father of glory (Ephesians 1:17); Jesus is the Lord of glory. (1 Corinthians 2:8) May we be like Moses who desired to see the glory of God. God placed him in a cleft to experience divine glory in such a way that he still lived. (Exodus 33) May we experience the glory of God each time we gaze into the heavens. Let us be thankful to God for His gift of the sky. John Thompson

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Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
	Marcus Lake	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

