

Who Can Understand His Errors?

Psalms Nineteen and Twenty

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~ God reveals Himself to us in three ways; and each time the Lord does so, He progressively enlightens us regarding His Character, Nature, and His plan and purpose for our lives – and in that order, too. This report from our Spiritual Safari is going to examine those triune attributes of God and the Trinity. This report will be far more theological than we typically wax in this safari. We generally try to keep this expedition very simple and spiritual; because we aren't after a scholarly, doctrinal or theological perspective of the Word of God – which most of you probably don't feel I could deliver anyways; however, the truths we will consider in this report, and the manner in which we will examine them, are all-important for us to fully understand the entire Bible.

Several outstanding Hebrew scholars have made excellent translations of Psalms; and we are going to use one of those translations in this report — rather than the American Standard Version we typically use — because there is a meaning to be brought out that is not found in the Authorized King James Version. Chapter nineteen can be labeled a Psalm of creation; with a division into two parts: that of creation, and that of Jehovah in His law – meaning His Word. His Word is His law. Some actually divide this into three parts: (1) the cosmos, (2) creation and (3) Christ. Christ has a very special place in this Psalm, and the overall subject is redemption, salvation, and the grace of God. In short, this is revelation of God Almighty in creation, in His commandments, and in His grace through the Lord Jesus Christ — all three.

When we add creation, the law, and grace together, we arrive at an equalized, fair, and balanced sum total of revelation concerning Who God is. At least, we can learn everything God has seen fit to give to man at this time. This was written by a specific man during a specific time in his life, under specific circumstances; and we must understand those dynamics. If you haven't read our previous report, I suggest you go back and do so now. The first part of the text of this Psalm uses the Name for God "El" which

means “*the Mighty One*.” That’s the designation God always uses for Himself in creation. “*Elohim*” is found in the first verse of Genesis, as the Heavens and the earth are created. Beginning at verse seven of this Psalm, the Name used for God changes to “*Jehovah*” – our Rock and Redeemer.

There are several names for God in Scripture. Deity in the Old Testament falls into three classes: (1) Primary (2) Compound, with “*El*” / God - and (3) Compound, with “*Jehovah*” – Lord. The English form for each of those three categories falls into three sub-categories: (1) a. God, b. LORD, c. Lord (2) a. Almighty God, b. Most High God, c. everlasting God – and (3) a. LORD God, b. Lord God, c. Lord of Hosts. The Hebrew equivalent for each of those three English forms is: (1) a. El, Elah and Elohim, b. Jehovah, c. Adon or Adonai (2) a. El Shaddai, b. El Elyon, c. El Olam – and (3) a. Jehovah Elohim, b. Adonai Jehovah, c. Jehovah Sabaoth.

Our Spiritual Safari is being flooded with lights in this Book of Psalms; and they will shine forward all the way through the Bible! I trust these reports are blessing your hearts and lives, too. Chapter eight was our last Psalm of creation, where we saw the moon and the stars – in a night Psalm. Here, we have sunlight in a day Psalm. The ancient Hebrew calendar-day began with darkness and moved into light — which is exactly what we’re doing on safari. We are looking at God’s magnificent creation bearing a testimony to Him. It would be easy for me to write as many reports in Psalms as I have in my complete commentary of the *ENTIRE* Bible....

XOX ~ (To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David)

1 The Heavens declare the glory of God; and the expanse maketh known the works of His Hands!

2 Day unto day He poureth forth speech, and night unto night revealeth more knowledge.

3 There is no speech and there are no words, yet their voice is heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and to the ends of the earth their words. In them hath he set a tent for the Sun,

5 He is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, He rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the Heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of them: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

~ Paul says, *"the invisible things of God are seen in the things that are made."* Friends, ALL things tell out the wisdom, power, plan and purpose of God. This is the purpose of creation in a nutshell. Modern man has come to an erroneous conclusion that creation is merely a primitive witness of God to man, His creature. That's what leads to legalistic thinking of only one God as Father; and all the creeds of the church – including the apostle's creed – ascribe creation exclusively to God the Father! However, when we come to the New Testament, and an amplification is made, we discover very definitely that is not an accurate conclusion. The apostle's creed says, *".... God the Father, Maker of Heaven and earth...."* – which is also accurate *in as far* as it goes; but the Trinity was undeniably involved in the creation of the earth; because the Spirit of God is also found in verse two of chapter one of Genesis.

Moreover, John tells us, *".... in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God."* Then, *".... the Word became flesh."* So, what that means is Jesus was the Agent of creation. It simply cannot be otherwise. If you do not accept this truth, then you reject the Word of God completely. Colossians tells us that *".... all things were made by Jesus Christ that are created that are in Heaven and in earth – both visible and invisible – whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created by Him and FOR Him."* In Ephesians chapter one, God the Father planned this universe, His Son executed that plan, paid for it, and redeemed it — and the Holy Spirit protected it as He moved and brooded over creation in verse two of Genesis chapter one. I cannot make it any clearer than that. Those who will not understand this do not WANT to understand it.

The Son of God is prominent in all of this; and even *"Elohim"* is a plural Hebrew word. Elohim speaks of the Trinity. The Lord Jesus Christ is the

Bridegroom Who is coming one day as the Son of Righteousness; returning to this earth to establish His Kingdom down here forevermore. Before that happens, the Bright and Morning Star takes His church out of this world to be with Him. The Bright and Morning Star *ALWAYS* appears before a sunrise, too, by the way. That is quite a picture – there’s nothing else quite like it; and this is what I mean when I say the legalizers of Torah simply do not understand what they are talking about. The reason they don’t understand is because they aren’t interested in the Gospel truth of the death, burial and resurrection – they are only interested in their ill-perceived, small-minded ability of goodness – and, my friends, that means they are not saved – because that would be impossible – period....

7 The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul: the testimony of Jehovah is sure, making the simple man wise.

8 The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of Jehovah are truth and they are altogether righteous.

10 More to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold: and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.

11 By them is thy servant warned: in keeping them the reward is great.

~ This brings us to the conclusion of the commandment section of this Psalm; and the law is perfect, friends. The only reason the law cannot save you and me is because the law *IS* perfect – but *WE* aren’t. It is simply impossible for you and me to measure up to the demands of the law of God. God is perfect; and He is only accepting perfection. Unfortunately, you and I cannot offer perfection. Even Paul makes this clear in Romans chapter seven verse twelve, “.... wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.”

No, my hyper-grace friends – there’s nothing wrong with the law whatsoever – it is as spiritual as it can be. It becomes a ministration of death to us because there is something radically wrong in our hearts. The law is given to show us we are sinners before God. The law is perfect and sure. Don’t bank on God doing away with the law or changing His mind to a new morality – because that isn’t going to happen. God isn’t interested in our modern day philosophy of psychology. Further, God isn’t listening to the absurd decisions world leaders are making, either! God is going to punish sin whether you think He is, or not – whether you think you are in sinless perfection, or not; He says He will punish sin. The testimony of the Lord is as sure as you exist where you are reading this report. Your judgment is coming. You can judge yourself, or you *WILL* be judged by God.

The hyper-grace fanatics who reject these truths are severely lop-sided individuals; as unsure of salvation as the law *IS* sure! The statutes of the Lord are right – it is us who is wrong. Maybe you don’t like that talk? Well, God does. The thing that makes the law right is that God says they are right. A defunct sociology of hyper-grace is what is wrong – and you can just write that down. Maybe you don’t like the law of gravity – one of God’s laws – but don’t rebel against it by stepping off of a ten story building. If you do test it that way, you’ll quickly discover that all the love and grace of God in the world won’t stop you from hitting the sidewalk. God doesn’t suspend His laws — because His statutes and precepts are right and pure. They can ennoble us, and lift is up — or they can break us down to nothing. You’ll do well to fear the Lord; and that word has been changed to “*reverential trust*” – but, I still believe it is best defined as *fear*, friends.

Most people have no idea what truth is. Pilate wanted to know what truth was, even as Truth stood in front of him and spoke to him! Whatever God does is right and true – and righteous. We need to learn to love the Word of God, friends. That means *ALL* of it, too, by the way. Some people think I am opposed to the Ten Commandments, and others seem to think I am a Judaeizer. Both are wrong. The Ten Commandments are wonderful because they protect my life, my rights, my liberty, and my property. I’m not opposed to the Mosaic Law – I’m opposed to Andrew C. Hunt! Andrew can’t keep them; and neither can you. If you can keep the commands, then

why aren't you up there in Heaven sitting by Jesus' side reigning and ruling with Him? If you're perfect and never sin, then your flesh will never get sick or die. If you can make it on your own, you don't even need Jesus – you are your own god! Well, God says you and I don't measure up – and God says our flesh is *NOT* going to Heaven....

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

~ You and I do not even understand our trespasses and sins. We are all great at rationalizing things, especially me. I understand that. Well, we can make excuses all day long, but God doesn't accept them. Just take God's word for it: you're a sinner saved by grace. One of the biggest problems we have today is that many people somehow think they aren't sinners anymore after they are saved. The "*great transgression*" in verse thirteen is to reject the Lord Jesus Christ by saying you are not a sinner. That's what it means, friends; if you think differently, then you are simply wrong. Christ is our strength, and Christ is our Redeemer – and He can only be that through the grace of God! What a wonderful Psalm of truth.....

XX ~ (To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David)

1 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

~ Our Spiritual Safari ends this report with what is *not* classified as a Messianic Psalm; but I *do* classify and consider it a Messianic Psalm! This Psalm speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ; and it is a prophecy of Him as Messiah regarding His work of redemption. This is very closely linked to the next two Psalms, too. These were all used in Israel in a liturgical manner and would have been sung together. Some believe they were chanted by the Levite worship leaders and the assembled congregation. That means they would be antiphonal.

This is a great prayer; and Bishop Horne said, “.... *the church prayeth for the prosperity of the King Messiah going forth to battle as our Champion and Deliverer for His acceptance by the Father and for the accomplishment of His will.*” Well, if the bishop had said “*the remnant of Israel*” instead of “*the church*,” then he would have hit the nail on the head. As is, it is error. Jacob is mentioned specifically; so we know we’re not talking about the church! Well, either way, we want the Lord to hear us in the day of our troubles – at least, that’s when I want God to hear me the most. Jacob got into this by the grace of God, too. God was never ashamed to be called “*the God of Jacob*.” – Candidly, I would have been ashamed of that — but God isn’t.

The sanctuary in verse two is in Zion – in Jerusalem, Israel – not Zion, Illinois or Zion, Utah. This doesn’t mean your church or my church or anyone else’s church, either. No, Zion is *THE* Zion — in Israel. One must be a theologian to

misinterpret this, my beloved. It cannot be any clearer. In the day of trouble, Israel will go through in the Great Tribulation period, and individuals will be remembered. In this present hour of so much trouble, this is something for us to meditate on and think about; because it has a wonderful spiritual application for us. However, we must take it literally first; and then allow the Holy Spirit to spiritualize it to our hearts and minds – not the other way around.

God *ALWAYS* hears and answers the prayers of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, Christ is the *ONLY* One Who is *ALWAYS* heard and answered by God the Father. Christ is our Savior today; the “*King*” is for Israel – not the church. We pray in the Name of Jesus our Savior in the church – not in the Name of Hosanna the King. Jesus is our Savior; and that’s all He will ever be to us, my friends. May God make this real to you and give you a heart of discernment and understanding. May God give you a new song in your heart today as you delight in His salvation, His deliverance, His strength, His peace, and His great mercy. A deep understanding of these Psalms gives us conditioning of our souls in the circumstances in which we live today; and it fills us with guidance, as we lift our eyes and hearts towards our Blessed Hope — the Lord Jesus Christ ~

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