

The Psalms

Psalm 19 - Part 1

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The Challenge of God's Revelation

“Confronting God's Holiness”

Psalm 19; Isaiah 6:1–9

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ראה *ra'ah* qal wawConsec

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to see, normal seeing, not *chazah* which is seeing in a vision (Isa. 1:1).

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glory,

significance,

importance

Isa. 6:4, “And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.”

Isa. 6:5, “So I said: ‘Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.’ ”

טָמֵא *tameʿ*

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unclean

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כפר *kaphar* pual
imperf 3 fem sing
“make atonement, to
wipe clean, to
cleanse”

LXX περικαθαρίζω
perikatharizō
fut act indic 3 sing
to cleanse, to purify

Isa. 6:8, “And THEN I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I. Send me.’”

Isa. 6:9, “And He said, ‘Go, and tell this people: “Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.” ’ ”

Two Categories of Revelation

חֲזוֹן *chazon* vision

גָּלָה (*gāla*) uncover, remove, in the sense of removing blinders from the eyes.

Num. 24:4, “The utterance of him who hears the words of God, Who sees (*chazah*) the vision (*machzah*) of the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes wide open (*galah*):”

**ἀποκαλύπτω (*apokalyptō*), uncover,
disclose, reveal;**

**ἀποκάλυψις (*apokalypsis*), disclosure,
revelation**

General Revelation:

“*General revelation* refers to God’s revelation in nature, as opposed to His revelation in Scripture. More specifically, general revelation is manifest in several areas: for example, physical nature, human nature, and history. In each case God has disclosed something specific about Himself and His relationship to His creation.”

~Geisler, *Systematic Theology*

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Special Revelation: the direct, verbal self-disclosure of God to His creatures, i.e., a theophany, the Urim and Thummim, the Scriptures, non-recorded verbal communication to mankind.

Jer. 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

Eccl. 9:3, “This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.”