

The Psalms

Psalm 19 - Part 2

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The Challenge of God's Revelation
“The Heavens Speak”
Psalm 19

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.”

1. The Law of the Lord, Psa. 19:7a; 18× in the Old Testament, almost exclusively in post-exilic books, except in Psa. 19, 119

Psa. 119:1, “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD!”

Interesting it is in the culmination of Isaiah’s indictment of Judah

Isa. 5:24, “Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.”

2. The testimony of the Lord, Psa. 19:7b

Phrase 1× here, but the Ark is often called the Ark of the Testimony, because it contains the tablets of the Law. Testimony is a synonym for covenant.

- 3. The statutes of the Lord, Psa. 19:8a,
phrase used one time, but the word 24×
synonym of commandments**
- 4. The commandment of the Lord, Psa.
19:8b 20×**
- 5. The fear of the Lord, Psa. 19:9a**
- 6. The judgments of the Lord, Psa. 19:9b**

The benefits of God's instruction is then given in each stanza

1. The soul is converted, turned to God, Psa. 19:7a

2. Wisdom is developed in the soul, even of the simple, Psa. 19:7b

3. Joy comes into the soul, Psa. 19:8a

- 4. The believer is enlightened, Psa. 19:8b**
- 5. The soul is cleansed through the Word,
Psa. 19:9a**
- 6. Righteous living is the consequence,
Psa. 19:9b**

**1. God's non-verbal revelation of Who He
is confronts His creatures in His
Creation, Psa. 19:1–6**

Psa. 19:1, “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Psa. 19:2, “Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

Psa. 19:3, “There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.”

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סָפַר *safar*

**piel part masc plur
abs “to count,
measure” from the
practice of counting
the words it came to
mean writing, or
copying the
Scripture**

Psa. 9:1, “I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.”

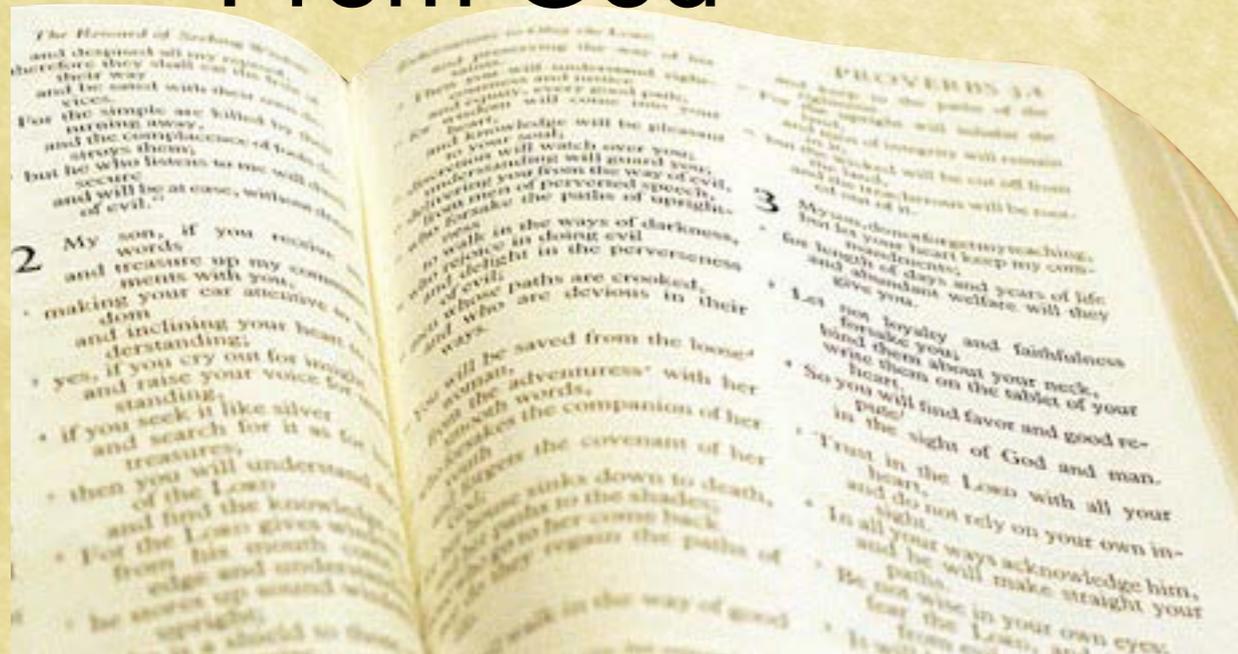
Psa. 66:16, “Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.”

Psa. 71:15, “My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits.”

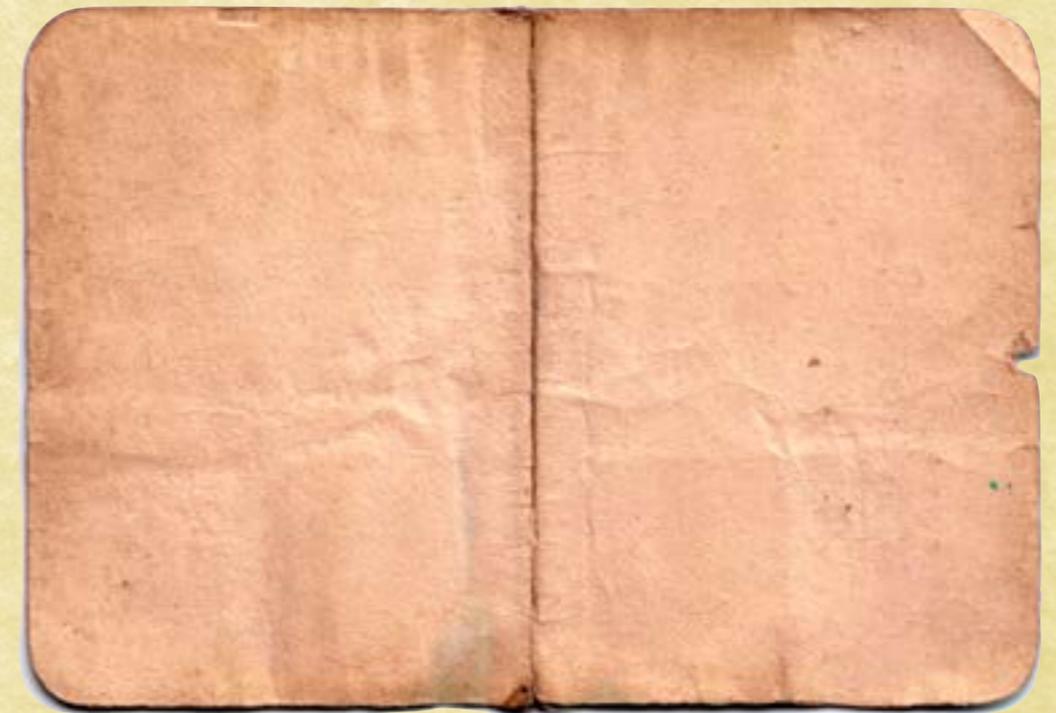
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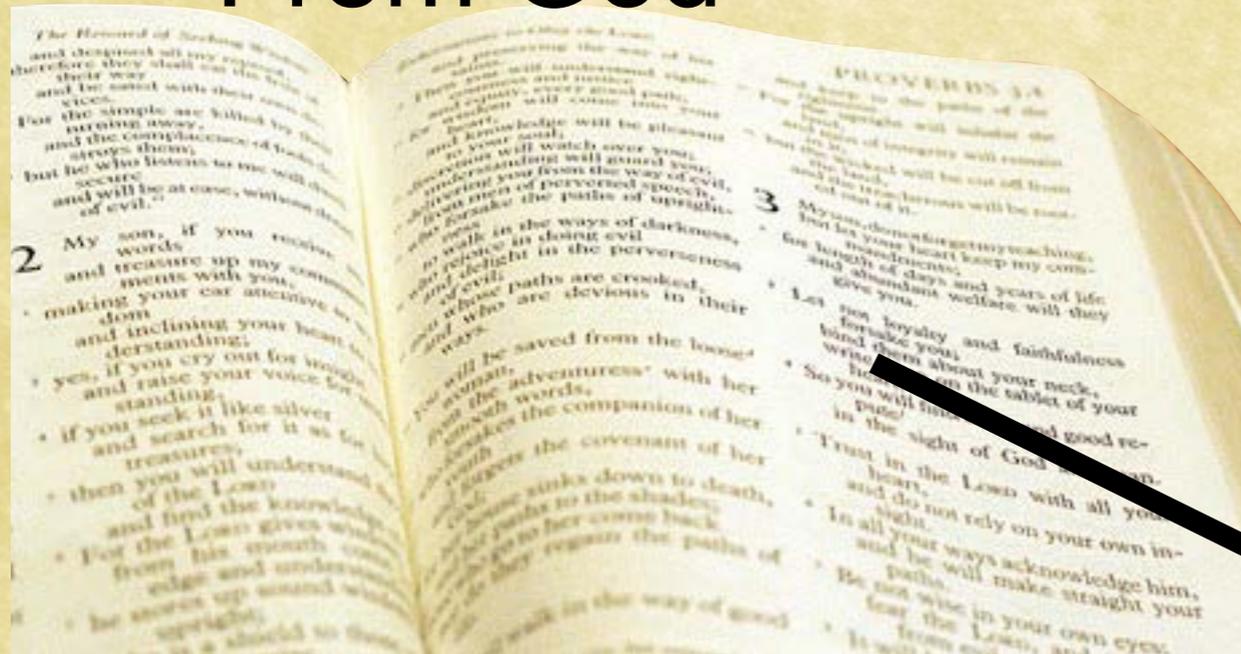


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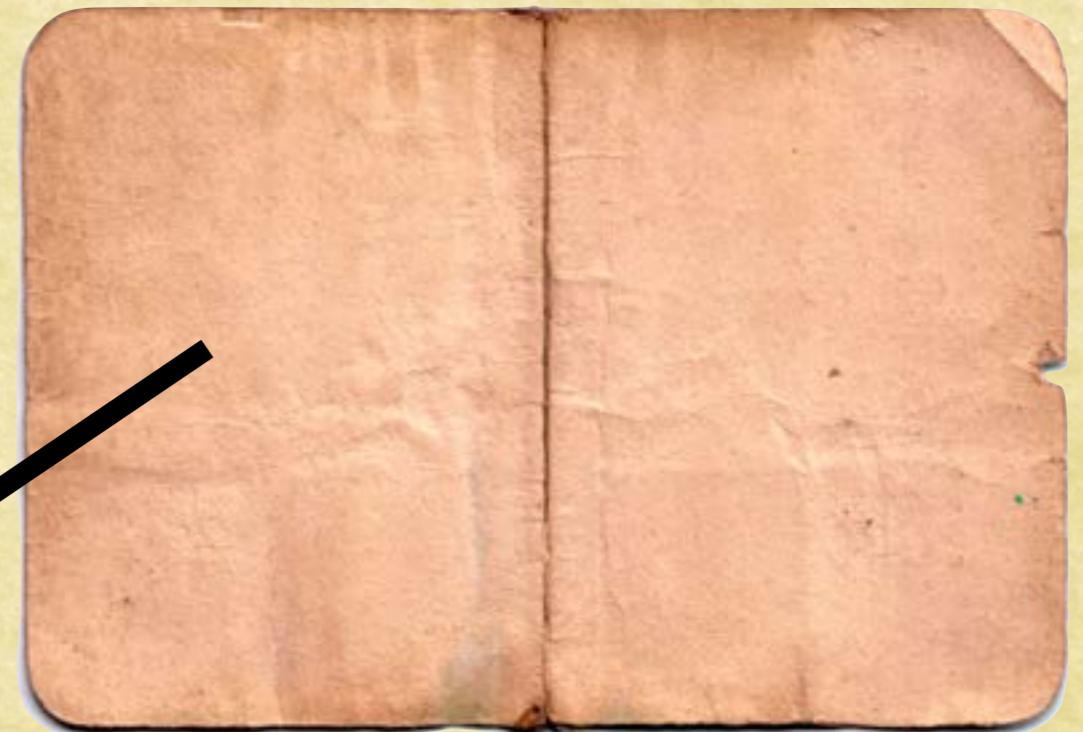


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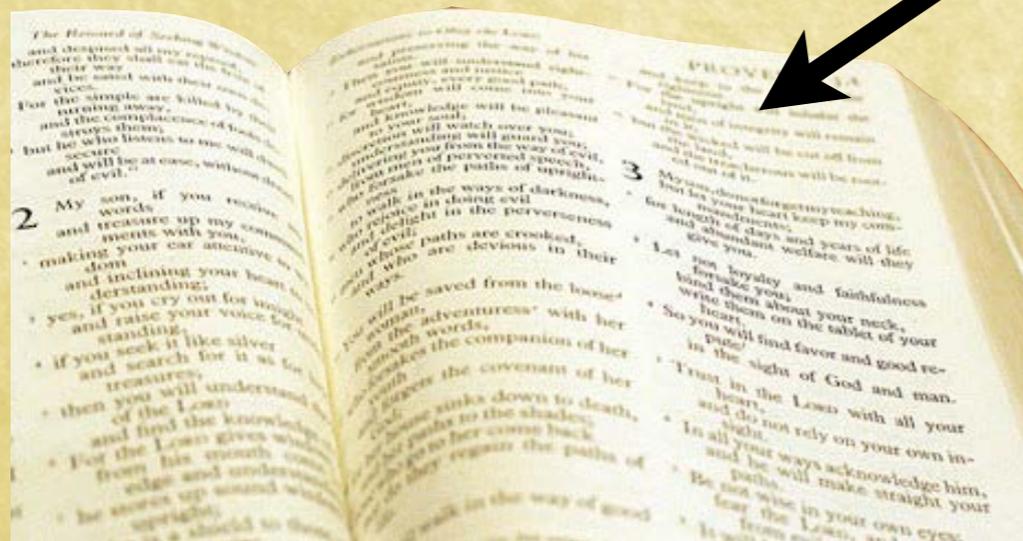
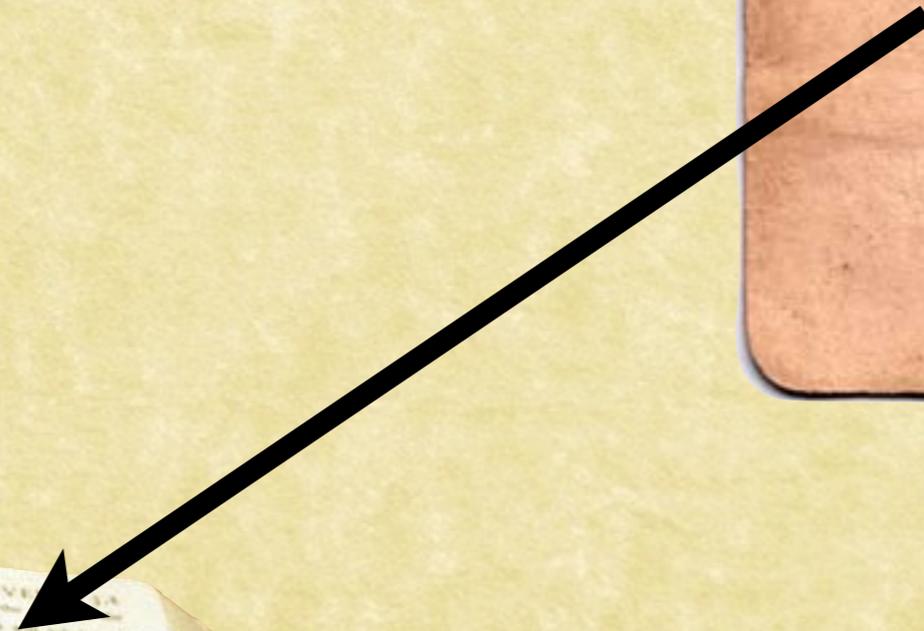


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**“expanse, synonym to
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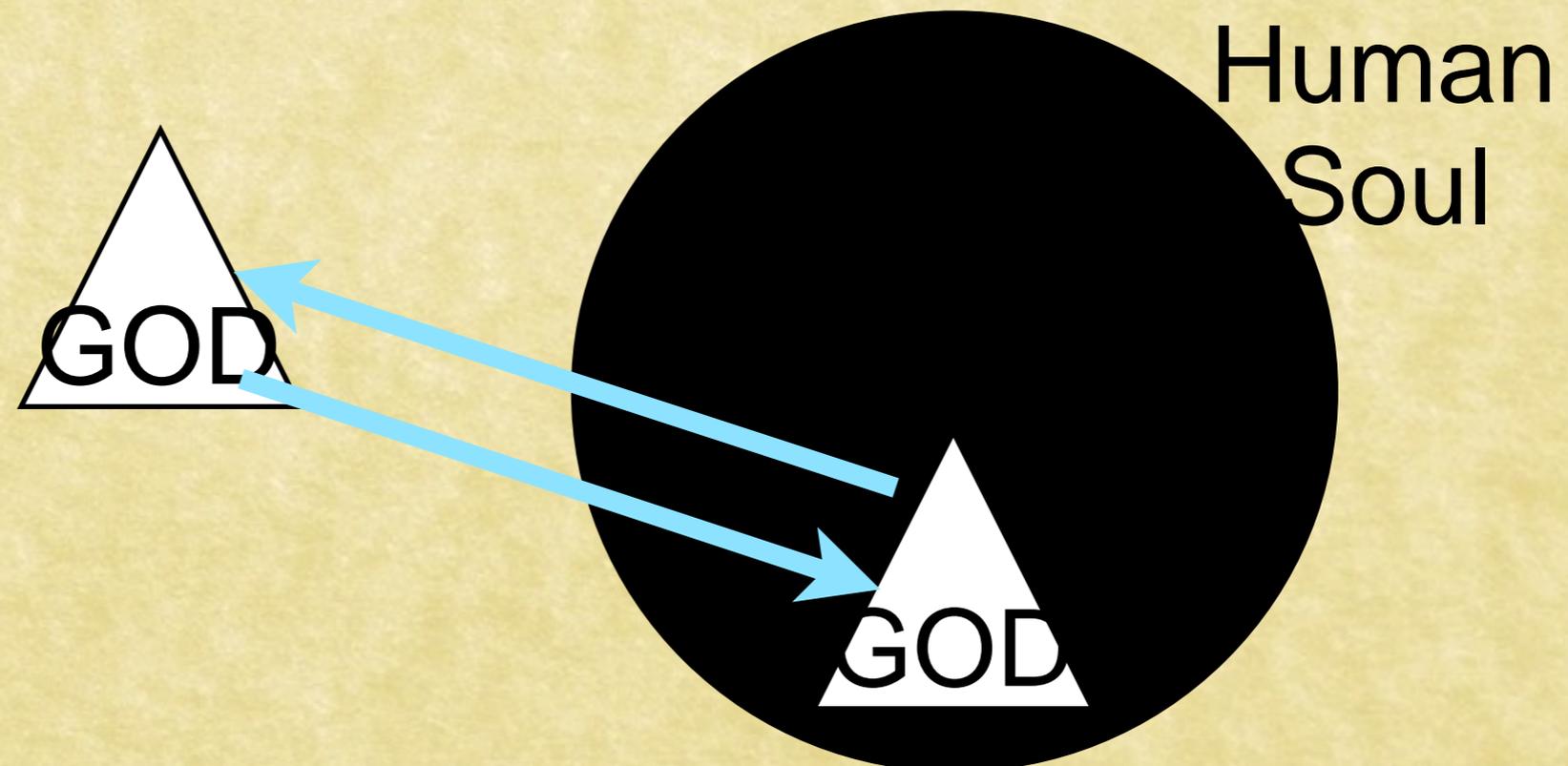
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Psa. 19:3, “There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.”

Psa. 19:4, “Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.”

Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
Rom. 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”



Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Psa. 19:4, “... In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

Psa. 19:5, “Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

Psa. 19:6, “Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.”

Psa. 97:6, “The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.”

Job 12:7, “But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

Job 12:8, “Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you.

Job 12:9, “Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this,”

Acts 14:15, “and saying, ‘Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

Acts 14:16, “ ‘who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.

Acts 14:17, “ ‘Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.’ ”