

Sermon Title: Psalms: From the Heart, Part XXIII 8.2.2026

Themes: Creation and salvation are from the Lord. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Focus Question: Why did God create you?

Introduction: Psalm 19 has three distinct lessons: 1. God's glory is revealed in nature. 2. God's greatness is revealed in Scripture. 3. God's grace is revealed in the soul.

Sermon Points:

1. God's glory. Psalm 19:1–6. Creation tells us that God exists. Everyone is without excuse as to the existence of Almighty God because the heavens declare God's glory.

2. God's greatness. Psalm 19:7–11. David uses various descriptions of God and His Word to teach us about the Lord. He is perfect: reviving the soul. Sure: making the simple wise. Right: making the heart rejoice. Pure: enlightening the eyes. Clean: enduring forever. True: altogether righteous. God's Word affects every part of a person: one's soul, one's mind, one's heart, one's eyes, one's conscience, and one's character. The Bible does not merely inform the mind; it transforms the soul. A neglected Bible produces a weakened believer. A cherished Bible produces a resilient follower.

3. God's grace. Psalm 19:12–13. The heavens tell us some, the Word tells us more, and the soul tells us much. For the sake of the soul God revealed Himself. David acknowledges two kinds of sins. There are hidden sins that are blind spots we don't even recognize. There are presumptuous sins that are sins we knowingly choose. These sins are committed deliberately in direct contradiction to what we know to be right. David knew that sins tend to ensnare us. Sins can start with open rebellion, but they can also begin with unnoticed compromise. Spiritual maturity isn't merely avoiding blatant sins; it's inviting God to expose the sins to which we've become blind.

4. True worship. True worship of the Lord produces surrender, not concerts. **Psalm 14:14.** After contemplating God's creation, God's Word, and his own soul, David surrenders to the will of God. Our words matter *and* our thoughts matter because both are evaluated by God. David desires not merely correct behavior but an acceptable heart. He calls God his rock (the One who provides stability) and his redeemer (the One who provides salvation). That is the gospel encapsulated in a sincere word from a sincere heart. The God who exposes our sins is also the God who saves us from them. The goal of worship is not simply to sing songs. It is to say, "Lord, may everything I think, say, and do be pleasing in Your sight."

In sum, as writers note, Psalm 19 teaches us that the uttered Word prepared the way for creation, the written Word prepared the way for the Bible, and both prepared the way for the Lord Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of reconciliation with the Father through the work of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 19 shows that God speaks to us through His creation, teaches us through His Word, and redeems our soul for His glory. Psalm 19 shows us revelation (God speaking), transformation (change through His Word), sanctification (God exposing and restraining sin), and consecration (living a surrendered life to the Lord). This Psalm is a beautiful reminder that the same God whose glory fills the heavens is the same God who redeems the human heart.

Reflection: Lord, help me to see and appreciate Your greatness, glory, and grace.