

Psalm 19:12-14
God's Designed Effect of All Revelation

Introduction: Allen Ross reminds us, “Having contemplated the glory of God through natural revelation and the will of God through special revelation, believers pray for cleansing and preservation from sin so that they might be acceptable to the LORD (12-14).” Having seen and heard God’s revelation, how will we respond to what God has said?

Being in the Word develops a sensitivity to sin committed in ignorance—19:12

- 1) A rhetorical question—¹² *Who can discern inadvertent sins [shegiyah]?*
 - a) LXX translates this with παράπτωμα which is a crossing of the established line, something normally done in ignorance. We may not be fully aware of the circumstances in which we make our choices or of the consequences of that choice.
 - b) Used of sheep who simply nibble their way to being lost (Ezekiel 34:6).
- 2) A request—*Declare me innocent [naqah] of hidden faults [sathar].*
 - a) Those sins that are hidden **to** me (not **by** me) at the moment.
 - b) If David meditates on the Word he will discover them. He wants them removed so he can be free of any guilt before God.

Being in the Word develops a hatred for sin committed in overt rebellion—19:13a

- 1) Recognize one’s humble position before God—¹³ *Moreover, keep back [chasak] Your servant from presumptuous/flagrant sins [zed];*
 - a) This refers to the sin with the high hand in Numbers 15:27-31.
- 2) Recognize one’s weakness before sin—*let them not rule over/dominate [mashal] me.*
 - a) Every time we commit the same sin the tighter its cords wrap around us (cf. Proverbs 5:22)

The result of addressing my sin before God—19:13b

- 1) God’s forgiveness makes me genuinely blameless—*Then I will be blameless [tamam]* (cf. 19:7),
 - a) Once God has declared me innocent, only then can I be truly blameless before Him who knows all things.
 - b) As an unblemished lamb used for a sacrifice; as maturity vs. immaturity
- 2) God’s forgiveness grants me genuine spiritual freedom—*and* (then I will be) *innocent [naqah]* (cf. 19:12) *of great/blatant rebellion [peshq].*
- 3) Ross reminds us again, “Thus it is the case with all the people of God, that when they are cleansed of secret sins, and protected from committing presumptuous sins, they are blameless and innocent in the eyes of God; but it takes a constant vigil to maintain such spiritual integrity.” (1:484)

Being in the Word develops a desire for acceptance in God’s presence—19:14

- 1) It will impact my outward speech—¹⁴ *Let the words of my mouth*

- 2) It will impact my inward thought life—*and the meditation [higgayon] of my heart*
- 3) It will impact my desires—*be acceptable/pleasing [ratson] to You,*
 - a) This assume forgiveness of both kinds of sin
- 4) It will impact my understanding of who God is—*O Yahweh, my Rock* (cf. Psalm 18:2, 31, 46) *and my Redeemer.*
 - a) Yahweh—the self-existing God who has graciously initiated a relationship with me for His glory and my good
 - b) “Rock” signifies God as the solid foundation of my life, a place of security and safety and strength.
 - c) “Redeemer” signifies protection and provision by One who is able to make things right.
 - i) The emphasis is on His ability and willingness to set things right again.

For those who may be here and not trusted Christ as Lord and Savior

- 1) Acknowledge the reality of your sin against a holy God
- 2) Acknowledge the rightness of His condemnation of both you and your sin
- 3) Acknowledge the reality of the sinless Christ dying in your place
- 4) Acknowledge the rightness of His justifying the one who, by grace, places his faith in God through work of God’s Son

Applications

- 1) “Only the believer can truly enjoy what God has made, for only he has an accurate interpretation of God’s creation that leads him to exultant praise of the Creator. ... If we are ever to learn to praise Yahweh, it will be because we have learned of Him through the purity of His great Word, and then have learned how to enjoy Him rightly through all that He has made.” (Allen, 148, 149)
- 2) “The careful contemplation of the revelation of the LORD in creation and scripture will inspire greater adoration and renewed spiritual commitment in the believer.” (Ross, 1:487)

Take-home truth: O Self-existing Father, the Knower of hearts, may the outward words of my mouth and the inward meditation of my heart be found pleasing to You, my Rock and my Redeemer. In Jesus’ name, Amen.