

That We May See and Hear

Psalm 19

[This Psalm isn't too long, so I invite you to read it in your Bible before moving on to the devotion . . .]

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork, the psalmist says. And yet there are many today who look at creation and deny God had anything to do with it.

Then the psalmist goes on to say that the Word of the Lord is ***more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold***. And yet there are many today who want nothing to do with the Word of God and think it wrong at best and harmful at worst.

This is the twisting, blinding, and deafening effect of sin. That the creature no longer sees or acknowledges his or her Creator, and the words of the satanic deceiver are preferred to the Word of God.

So what did God do? **The Word become flesh** (John 1:14).

The Word of God entered His own creation and was born as the man Jesus to untwist the twisting of sin, show us the glory of God, and make good again a world plunged into sin and death. God didn't wait for us to come to our senses and return to Him. (He'd still be waiting . . . for eternity!) No, He instead came to us, to do what we could never do, and give us what we need - eyes to see His hand in creation, and ears to hear His Word of truth. Satan may have blinded our eyes and plugged our ears, but as Jesus showed in His miracles, He has come to undo all that and restore us. A restoration that happens when we see our Creator on the cross and see how much He loves us. A restoration that happens when we hear our Saviour's voice from the cross, saying "Father, forgive them." And He does! That's a word to be ***desired more than gold*** because all the gold in this world will eventually pass away

with the rest of the world, but the forgiveness of our Lord gives life that will last forever.

And so the psalmist ends with these words:

***Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.***

That restored by our Lord, we think and speak rightly again. That we be who God created us to be. That we not doubt or be deceived, but cling to the Word of God in hearts cleansed by that very word. And praise God for His creation, praise God for His Word, and praise our Saviour for His work in and through both.

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to be my rock and my redeemer. Thank you for the gift of open eyes and open ears, that I may see your hand in creation and hear your Word of forgiveness. Keep me firm and steadfast in this Word and faith all the days of my life, and until the day when you come again to take me home, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable to you. Amen.