

**7/18/21 - Speaker: Al Schaap**  
**Psalms for the Summer**  
**Psalm 19 (p. 541) – God Shows Us Who He Is**

**For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of His hands.  
<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.  
<sup>4</sup> Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.  
<sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.  
<sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.*

Volume 1 of God’s Self-Revelation:

His \_\_\_\_\_, “ \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation”

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (Romans 1:18-20)*

Volume 2 of God’s Self-Revelation:

His \_\_\_\_\_, His “ \_\_\_\_\_” Revelation

**Psalm 19:7-9 -**

*<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.  
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.  
<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the Lord are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the Lord are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.  
<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever.  
The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.*

<u>Term</u>	<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Result</u>
“law”	“perfect”	Revives us/ <u>brings us to real life</u> , gets us going
“statutes”	“trustworthy”	Leads us to <u>wisdom for living this life</u> , giving us ability to distinguish bad/good, right/wrong
“precepts”	“right”	His principles/guidelines <u>bring us to joy</u> as we get to know Him & follow His ways!
“commands”	“radiant”	Give light/perspective – <u>helping us discern</u> more of Who God is, how to live w/ Him w/ clarity, pure light, restored vision, clearly see again!
“fear”	“pure”	Endures forever – helps us live w/ <u>awe-based confidence and hope!</u>
“decrees”	“firm/sure”	Assures us whatever God decides to do is righteous”/consistent with His character. <u>We can trust Him!</u>

Cf. The Belgic Confession, Articles 1-2

Psalm 19:10-14 -

*They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> By them Your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.*

<sup>12</sup> *But who can discern their own errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.*

<sup>13</sup> *Keep Your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.  
Then I will be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.*

*May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in Your sight,  
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Key: world, General; Word, Special

## **Faith and Science Seminar**

**August 8 – September 12, 6 p.m.**

**(Child-care provided...please let us know ages at 723-4283)**

### **Part 1: Creation versus Evolutionary Theory (8/8)**

- First days of creation and Astronomy
- Evolutionary theory definition and Species Concepts

### **Part 2: What does the cell tell us about God's heart in His creation? (8/15)**

- How is the cell formed? What is the purpose of its many parts?
- If cells reveal God 's heart, why cancer & genetic disorders?
- How do other creatures interact with us at the cellular level? Viruses and bacteria.
- Gene therapy/vaccine/God-created DNA: What are the boundaries?

### **Part 3: Embryonic development and Sanctity of life (8/22)**

- How do we start as humans?
- What are stem cells? How about embryonic stem cells?
- What does the Bible say about human life?
- What is God 's attitude towards life?

### **Part 4: The brain: The wild West of Biology (8/29)**

- The beauty of thinking: How are we different from our puppies?
- The emotional brain: should we rely on our own understanding?
- Neural connections, salvation, trauma and taking every thought captive for The Lord

### **Part 5: Human development in God's design vs hormone therapy in human design (9/5)**

- Perfect dance between hormones & long-term control of the body
- What does science say about disturbances of the hormonal dance?
  - ✓ Pregnancy
  - ✓ Hyper- and hypo- secretions
- Hormones and the brain, who does the Bible tell us to follow?

### **Part 6: Sexuality has God-given Boundaries: STDs and the "Love" Brain chemicals (9/12)**

- What is the intra-personal impact of sex outside marriage?
- Dopamine and oxytocin: Dangerous love potion?
- Why do we sin against our own bodies when sexual immorality is practiced? What are some biological/emotional/ spiritual consequences?