

A Study of the Wisdom Literature

(OT Survey Lesson 211—Psalms 18-19)

Introduction: The inscription to the 18th Psalm shows it to have been written after David experienced the Lord's deliverance from his enemies (cf. 2 Sam. 22). The 19th Psalm is a majestic portrayal of the Lord's revelation of Himself in both the created world and in His word.

Lesson aim: To show how nature reveals God's glory and the Law reveals God's will for his creation.

A psalm of praise to God for deliverance from all his enemies—Psalm 18:1-50

1. Make a list of the various ways David describes God in v. 1-3.
2. What did David do when death threatened him? (v. 4-6)
3. How does David picture God as responding to his pleas for help? (v. 7-15)
4. What were the results of the Lord's deliverance? (v. 16-19)
5. On what basis did David believe the Lord had delivered him? (v. 20-24)
6. How does David describe the Lord's dealings with men? (v. 25-29)
7. To whom does David attribute the successes he has had in overcoming His enemies? (v. 30-42) How does David describe these things?
8. What other blessings had David experienced from the Lord? (v. 43-45)
9. How did David respond to all these blessings the Lord had given him? (v. 46-50)

A tribute to the revelation of God in nature and in His Law—Psalm 19:1-14

1. What did David say the heavens and their expanse were telling? (v. 1)

2. Is there ever a time when this message cannot be heard? (v. 2)
3. Is the communication of the message dependent upon someone to speak the words? (v. 3)
4. Yet, how far has this message reached out? (v. 4)
5. What part of the creation does David describe? (v. 4-6) What do you think David hopes to accomplish by giving this example?
6. How else does God reveal himself? (v. 7-9) List the terms used to describe the written or oral revelation of God. What is the significance of each term?
7. Make a list of the things the word of God is said to accomplish (v. 7-9).
8. Because of this, how does David view them? (v. 10)
9. What functions did the law of God have? (v. 11)
10. How does David express his inadequacy in knowing and applying the law? (v. 12) What two prayers then does He offer to God? (v. 12-13) What will the answer to those prayers enable David to be?
11. How does David communicate his desire to always do the will of God? (v. 14)