

Nothing hid

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Psalm 19:6

The picturesque personification of the sun in this verse makes what seems to be a final point in the first part of Psalm 19. As the sun makes its circuit across the sky with the brilliance of a new bridegroom and the strength of a conditioned runner, it provides one more illustration of how the glory of God is exhibited by the order and magnificence of His creation, whether by day or by night. Without any speech or language, the various aspects of God's creative power described in these first six verses provide a continuous witness to mankind that there is an awesome Creator behind all of this, and their message is inescapable. This truth is the appeal of the apostle in Romans chapter 2, that this witness leaves every cognizant person on earth without any excuse for unbelief. Yet, as the following verses focus on the law of the Lord, echoed as the testimony, statutes, commandments, fear, and judgments of the Lord, this is not at all a change of subject. It is instead the continuing description of the witness of God to the crown of His creation. He did not leave mankind with only the penetrating witness of the creation about us, but has extended His personal word to us through the pens of His patriarchs, prophets, and apostles. This word furthers the witness of an omnipotent yet personal Creator to the human conscience, which longs to have the emptiness left there by sin filled by Him. His word converts the soul, such that the simple are made wise to the extent that their heart rejoices at his statutes, realizing that He has given them for our good. The enlightenment of His commandments makes the redeemed heart desire His word above transient worldly desires for wealth or delectable tastes. The understanding heart is also aware that the warnings of His word reveal the guarding care of a loving Heavenly Father. May we with the psalmist respond to such a gracious witness with the plea that our speech and our thoughts be continually acceptable to our strong Redeemer.

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