

“How To Wield God’s Sword”

May 2, 2010 * Psalm 19:1-14

I. Psalm 19

- A. How does God speak to us in verses 1-6?*
- B. How does God speak to us in verses 7-14?*
- C. Why is God speaking through a book better?*
- D. What benefits does David receive by meditating on God’s Word?*
 - 1. It _____ our _____.*
 - 2. It makes _____ the _____.*
 - 3. It gives _____ to our _____.*
 - 4. It gives _____ to our _____.*

II. Learning to Read God’s Word For Yourself Requires:

- A. _____ Strategies – 5 things to ask God whenever you read your Bible*
- B. _____ Strategies – 3 things to look for whenever you read your Bible*
- C. _____ Strategies – 10 principles for learning how to interpret the Bible properly*

LISTENING STRATEGIES

Question 1: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal to me about _____?

- A. The truth God reveals to you may come in 1 of 3 ways:*
 - 1. It may be a _____ . Examples:*
 - 2. It may be an _____ . Examples:*
 - 3. It may be a _____ for God. Examples:*

Question 2: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal to me about the _____ that you are doing in the world today for your _____?

- A. While you and I have hopes, dreams, burdens and challenges, who else has them?*
- B. David was a ‘man after God’s own heart’. What is true about a person who is like this?*

Question 3: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal to me about the _____ of my _____ this day?

- A. Is God truly concerned for the things happening in my life this very day?*
- B. God would also speak directly into our minds about our lives, but what’s the problem here?*

Question 4: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal about the things in me that are _____ your _____ today?

- A. In Psalm 19, David gave God permission to do something. What was it?*
- B. How does God expose and cut away the sin inside our hearts? (Hebrews 4:12-13)*

C. What must we do to experience this healing?

Question 5: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal that would make me _____, _____, and _____?
(Sum it up for me Lord. Help me in a sentence to boil it all down, what I think you are speaking to me today.)

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I. Psalm 19

A. *How does God speak to us in verses 1-6?*
Through creation.

B. *How does God speak to us in verses 7-14?*
This his laws and statutes revealed in his Word.

C. *Why is God speaking through a book better?*
There’s a limit on what we can learn about God through nature. We can’t learn how many ‘Gods’ there are. We can’t learn whether God is good or not. We can’t learn how to know God, or even if it is possible. For these truths, God must reveal it to us directly.

D. *What benefits does David receive by meditating on God’s Word?*

1. It **revives** our **souls**.
2. It makes **wise** the **simple**.
3. It gives **joy** to our **hearts**.
4. It gives **light** to our **eyes**.

II. Learning to Read God’s Word For Yourself Requires:

- A. **Listening** Strategies – 5 things to ask God whenever you read your Bible
- B. **Looking** Strategies – 3 things to look for whenever you read your Bible
- C. **Learning** Strategies – 10 principles for learning how to interpret the Bible properly

Question 1: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal to me about **yourself**?

- A. *The truth God reveals to you may come in 1 of 3 ways:*
1. It may be a **doctrine**. Examples:
God as a Triune being. God’s omniscience. God’s immutability. Jesus’ divinity.
 2. It may be an **attribute**. Examples:
God is faithful, holy, just, good, pure, merciful, etc.
 3. It may be a **name** for God. Examples:
Rock, Redeemer, Yahweh, Lion of Judah, Wonderful Counselor, God Almighty, etc.

Question 2: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal to me about the **work** that you are doing in the world today for your **kingdom**?

- A. *While you and I have hopes, dreams, burdens and challenges, who else has them?*
God does!
- B. *David was a ‘man after God’s own heart’. What is true about a person who is like this?*
He or she submits to God’s will first, and yields to him.

Question 3: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal to me about the **living** of my **life** this day?

- A. *Is God truly concerned for the things happening in my life this very day?*
No question about it.
- B. *God would also speak directly into our minds about our lives, but what’s the problem here?*
We have a difficult time sorting out God’s thoughts from our own.

Question 4: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal about the things in me that are **breaking** your **heart** today?

A. *In Psalm 19, David gave God permission to do something.*

What was it?

To reveal and expose the sin that was inside of him, both willful sins and hidden sins.

B. *How does God expose and cut away the sin inside our hearts? (Hebrews 4:12-13)*

He uses the double-edged sword of God's Word to cut deep into our very being. Nothing can be hidden from him.

C. *What must we do to experience this healing?*

We must give God permission to reveal this sin to us.

Then we must be willing to act on whatever he asks us to do.

Question 5: In this reading Lord, what would you reveal that would make me **wiser**, **stronger** and **holier**? (*Sum it up for me Lord. Help me in a sentence to boil it all down, what I think you are speaking to me today.*)