July 16 Psalm 19

ככול דידי ידידי בידין א ביד בוכניף שכר יעולף ועדי ניוצן

יולוחות ברכויו וחטור פטי בעשור מיוף גבל ומיף

שבולעילף ועדי סוכף הבוד אפיל העוכלים ווידר לכול

חבטינות בדיף גבוף בינייף יוני לינויותינים

שוברי יובל אי אונים ויישוניאון

Heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands

פעינון פוןף האף ג ופיוף טפולעולף ועף קרובי בף ב

Great Psalms Scroll, c. A.D. 30-50
Found 1956, Qumran, Dead Sea
more on this in Psalm 1 presentation

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בצ ל בות בנו יכון בני בצעומת אבורא טוב ליבווא

בי בי בי כמכוח ביוים כווצ וחטות כב בי לפנוצ

Andromeda Galaxy, closest galaxy to Milky Way, 2.5 million light-years from earth







Theme

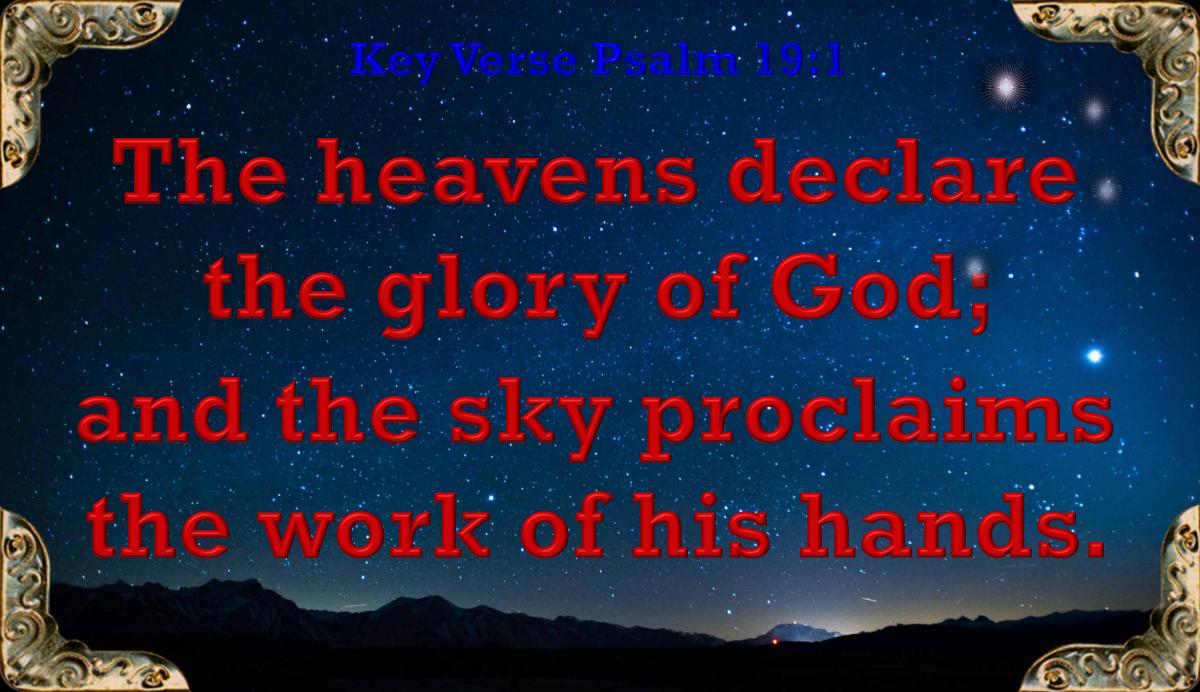
God reveals Himself through His Creation and His Word

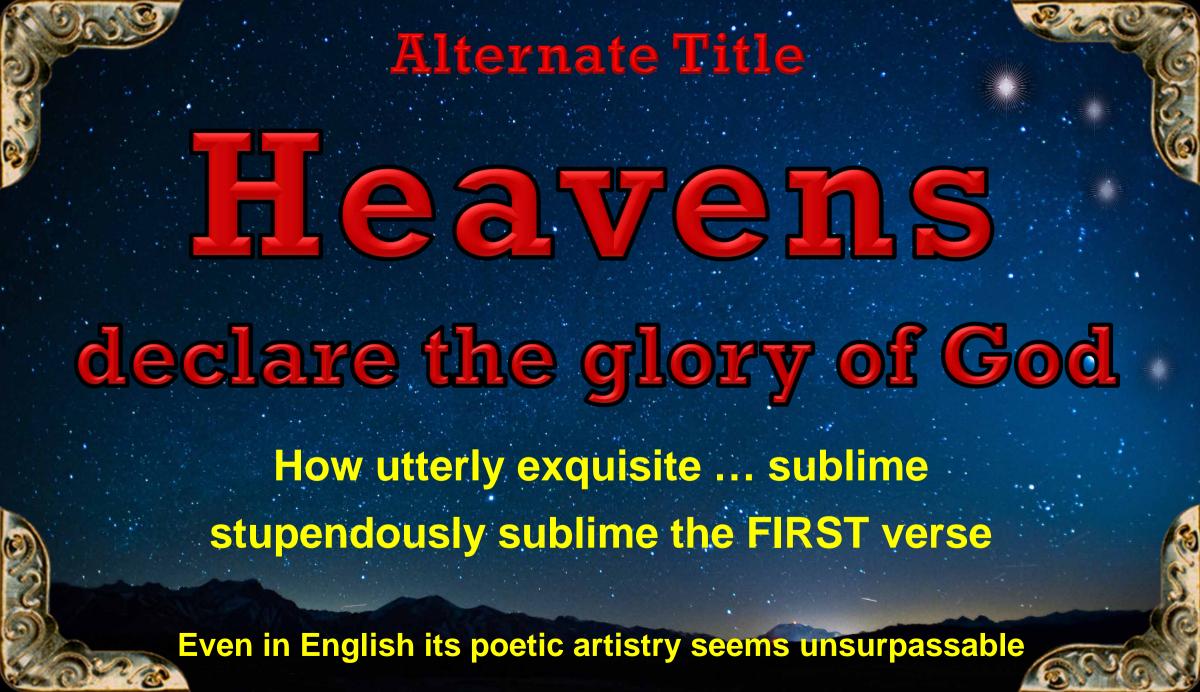
Psalm 19

- 1-6 Seen in Creation Heavens Declare God's Glory
- 7-11 Seen in His Word Law of the Lord is Perfect
- 12-14 Celebrated in His People My Rock, Redeemer









Spurgeon* so pastorally noted this on David,

In his earliest days the psalmist ... had devoted himself to the study of God's two Great Books—

Nature and Scripture....

How foolish ... are those who instead of ... delighting to behold the same divine hand ...

spend all their wits ... to find discrepancies....

rest assured that the true "Vestiges of Creation" will never contradict Genesis, nor will a correct "Cosmos" be found at variance with the narrative of Moses.

He is wisest who reads both the World-book and the Word-book.

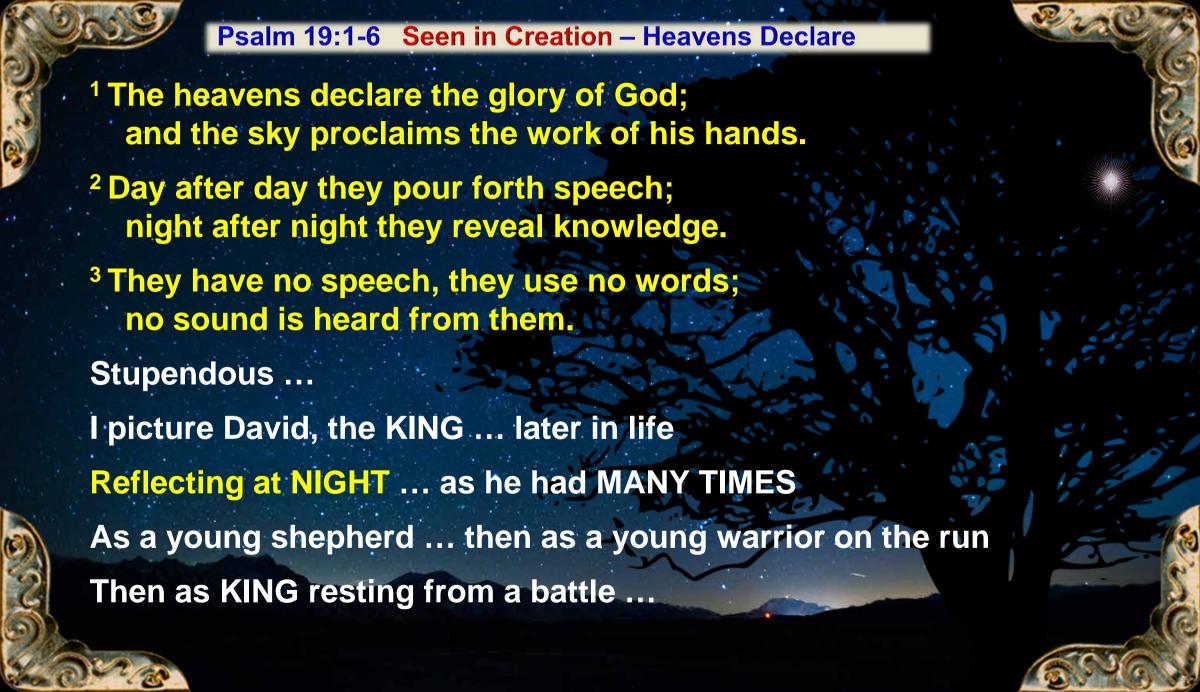














One Whole Psalm ... or Two Psalms put together later?

One argument for TWO is the language between 1-6 & 7-14

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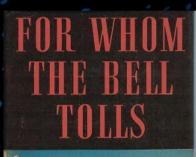
ANY page at all

from ANY of book of

Ernest Hemmingway ...

Like ... For Whom the Bell Tolls

Then ...



Ernest Hemingway

Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961) working on his book *For Whom the Bell Tolls* at the Sun Valley Lodge, Idaho in December 1939

Compare that with ANY page from Nathaniel Hawthorne or Leo Tolstoy ...

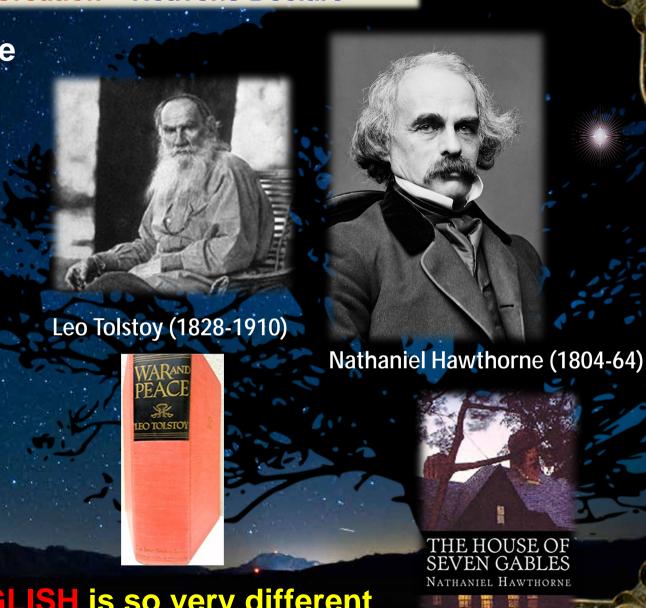
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Hawthorne or Tolstoy

IMMEDIATELY

One sees TWO AUTHORS



writing STYLE in ENGLISH is so very different

If one looks CLOSELY at Psalm 19 ...

You will in ENGLISH see ...

What Hebrew scholars have struggled with ...

- Was Psalm 19 written as ONE Psalm?
- Or was Psalm 19 originally TWO Psalms?

THEN, later, combined into ONE?

One or Two ... originally?

Not a really big deal, and we will side with a view soon ...

There are clearly TWO partitions ...

Seeing these TWO Partitions will help us SEE so much more

of the beauty ... and stupendous genius of Psalm 19

- 1. ¹ The HEAVENS declare the glory of God; and
- 2. the sky proclaims the work of his hands.
- 3. ² Day after day they pour forth speech;
- 4. night after night they reveal knowledge.
- 5. There have no speech, they use no words;
- 6. no sound is heard from them.
- 7. 4 Yet their VOICE goes out into all the earth
- 8. their words to the ends of the world.
- 9. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun.
- 10. 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
- 11. like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- 12. 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and
- 13. makes its circuit to the other,
- 14. nothing is deprived of its warmth.

14 Lines

God - El, only once

God, in relation to the world of His creation

- 1. ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
- 2. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
- 3. 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.
- 4. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
- 5. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.
- 6. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.
- 7. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
- 8. they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.
- 9. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 10. 12 But who can discern their own errors?
- 11. Forgive my hidden faults.
- 12. 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.
- 13. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
- 14. 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

LORD YHWH 7x

Covenant Name

Last 3-fold

I weigh in that Psalm 19 was ONE psalm, building & building

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Middle Ages ... rise of Greek classics, the sky & firmament were often conceived of as conscious beings, leaning on Aristotle.

Compare Neh. 9:6 and Job 38:6-7,

Neh. 9:6, You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Middle Ages—some viewed the firmament as "conscious"

Depended upon Aristotle ... leaned to isolated verses

Like Neh. 9:6 above and, below, Job 38:6-7,

Job. 38:6-7, On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

Those verses ... used and abused in the Middle Ages were linked to the Greek mythology and the Pythagorean

"music of the spheres"

But Scripture has NO use for such ... no REAL interpretation!

the "stars" do NOT have consciousness!

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

KJV the firmament sheweth his handywork.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Spurgeon* said, the Book of Nature has

Three leaves: heaven, earth, and sea ...

HEAVEN, the first and the most glorious ... able to see the beauties of the other two....

the sun, moon, and stars, supply light to the rest of the volume, and are thus the keys,

without which ... we would be dark

^{*} Treasury of David, Psalm 19, http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Spurgeon* said of the "Glory of God" the HEAVENS

deliver to us such unanswerable arguments for a conscious, intelligent, planning, controlling, and presiding Creator, that no unpredjudiced person can remain unconvinced by them....

Yet for all this, to what avail is the loudest declaration to a deaf man, or the clearest showing to one spiritually blind?

God the Holy Ghost must illuminate us, or all the suns in the milky way never will.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

John Boys* (1571–1625), Dean of Canterbury to 1625,

Christ is this "day," who saith of himself,

"I am the light of the world," and

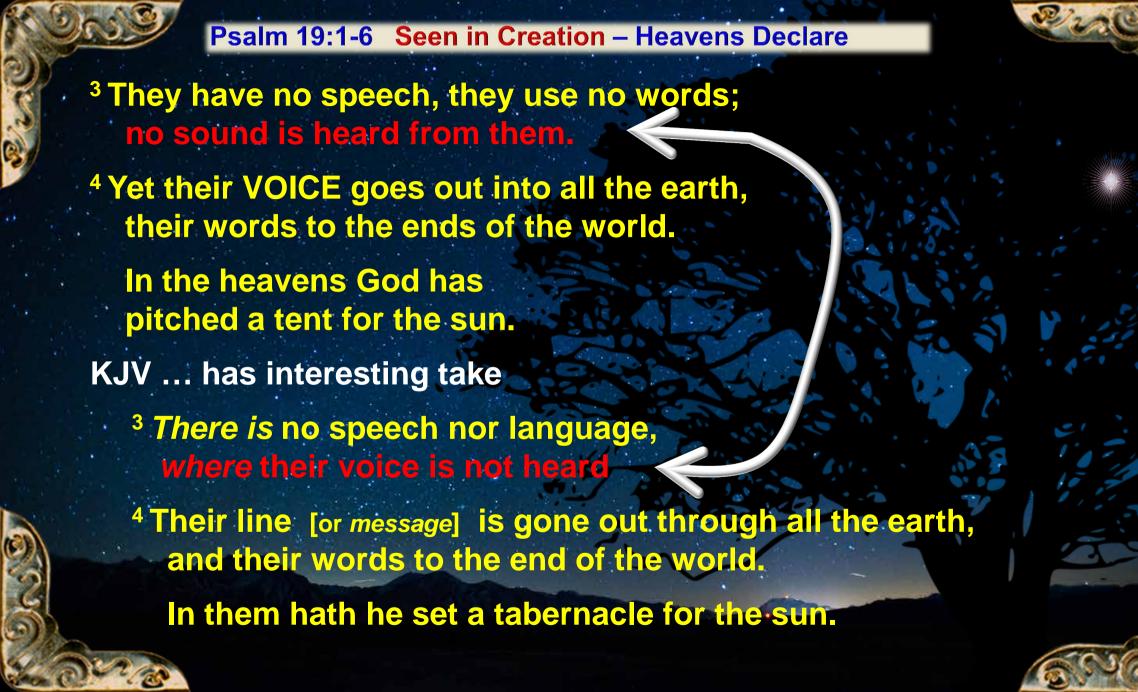
his twelve apostles are the twelve hours of the day;

for Christ's Spirit revealed by the mouths of his apostles the mysteries of our salvation, in other ages not so fully known unto the sons of men.

Though that might be a stretch too far ...

Yet, behold ... we have just begun ...

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³ They have no speech ... or

KJV ...

³ There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard

Whatever ... "no speech" as in silent ... or "no speech" where NOT heard ...

We've not time to discern a path ... take both

⁴ Their line [or message] is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

The point is that the HEAVENS and their SPEECH / MESSAGE

Has the whole earth for a concert hall ...

Then ... these stupendous words,

⁴ In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

The HEAVENS and their SPEECH ... is itself WHAT?

Heavens & its Speech are the Tabernacle for the SUN

The splendor that we see and feel ... as

The Heavens declare the glory of God ...

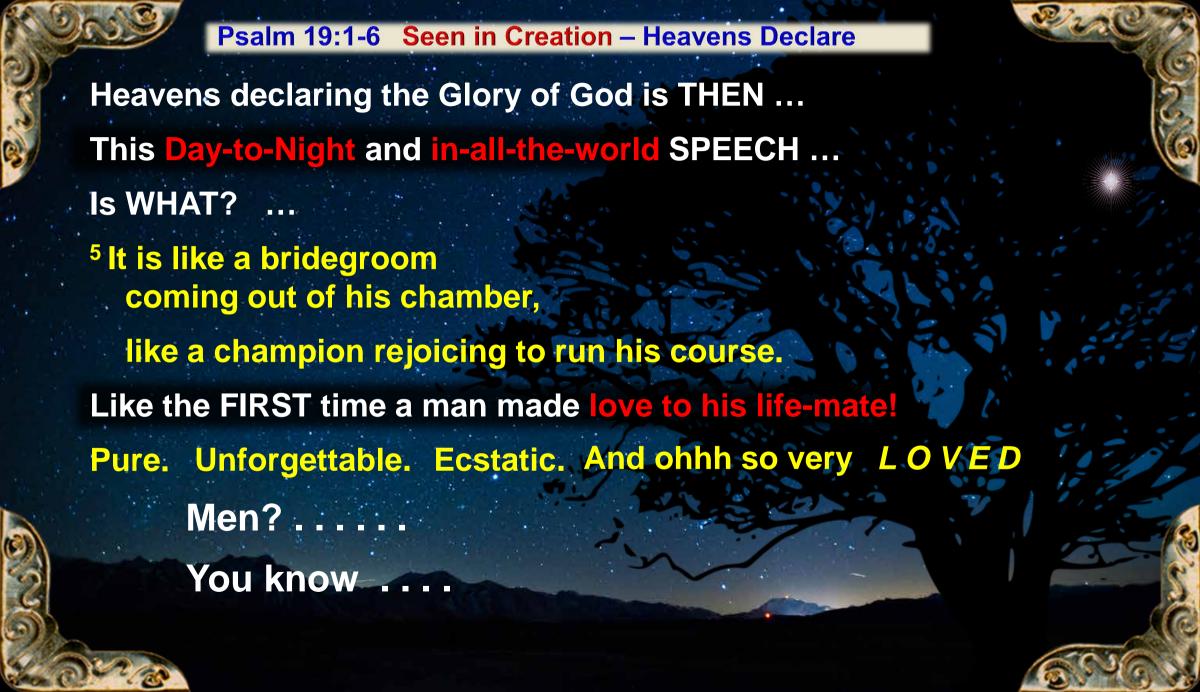
The older King David spins and compounds

in a genius of poetry ... HOW the Heavens DECLARE

HOW? ... Day by Day ... and then Night to Night

EVERY Speech, every language ... through ALL the earth

Then the GLORY of God is the TENT for the Sun too ...





The Heavens declaring ... the Glory of God

Day-to-Night ... in-all-the-world SPEECH ...

As a supremely LOVED bridegroom ...

like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

The very HEAVENS declaring—well?—like a man on

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other,

nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Stupendously sublime poem ... all by itself ...

"It RISES" ... the VOICE rises, the Heavens DECLARING RISES ...

stupendous ... sublime ... the whole earth a concert hall

MAN
on Top
of the
World



⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul.

The statues of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

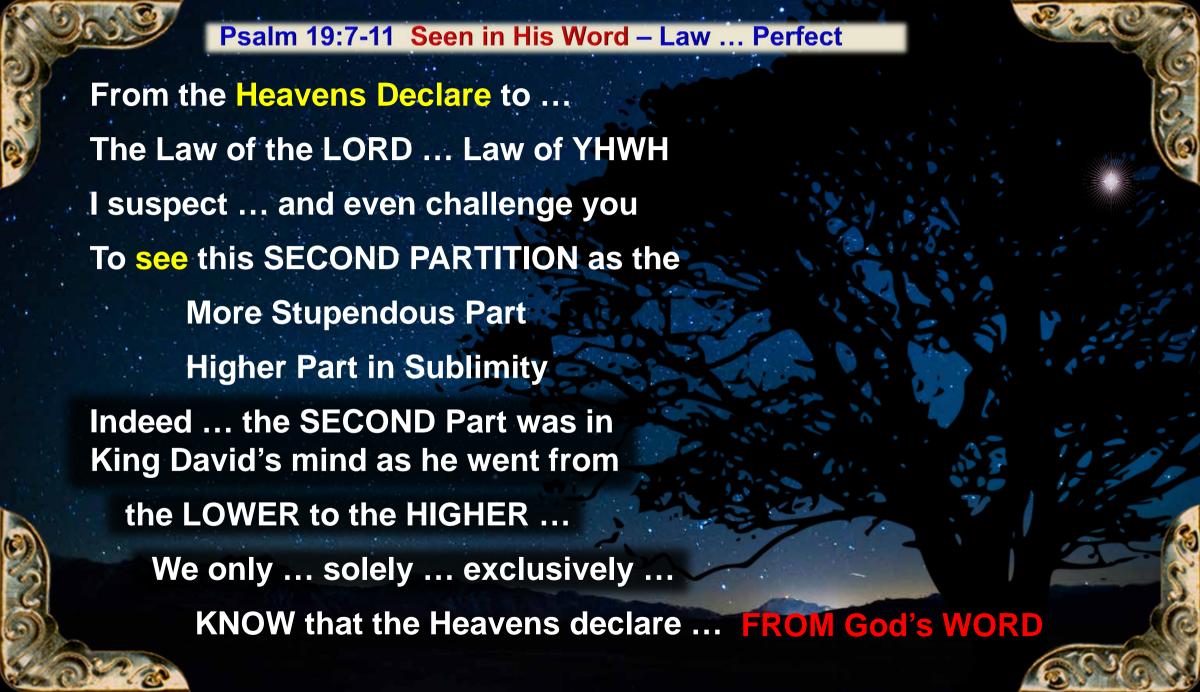
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Now the second Psalm ... or second partition

from God's World-book to God's Word-book

Or ... as many believe ... ONE PSALM

TWO Partitions ... molded by a inspired genius of artistry



That is ... ponder this well ...

Think on this ... meditate upon it ...

Gazing into the Starry Heavens ...

We are SMALL ... as the Hubble Telescope

As bigger, more sensitive telescopes will tell more ...

For those w EYES to SEE ...

God's eternal, infinite world—the cosmos ...

Yet the Milky Way and majestic Andromeda

While DECLARING the glory God ...

We need GOD to REVEAL Himself FROM God's WORD

Back up a minute ...

If there were NO atheists ... No Moses either

You step out of your cave and LOOK

You see the Mighty Oak trees

You see the fleeting Gazelle and flying birds

THESE alone ... plus your humanoid brothers & sisters

EARTH ... LIFE ... Unfathomable SEA—how grand are THEY?

You look up—hold you eyes—the **SUN!**

At night, you behold the smooth Moon & illimitable starry hosts

How did all this come about? From

From conjecture to ME

The ATHEIST says by CHANCE!

Really, all the atheist does is REFUSE God

Caveman conjures up BETTER reasons

Ancient Greeks thought up Zeus w his Thunder Bolt

Andromeda—whose mother bragged on her beauty

Andromeda was chained to a rock ...

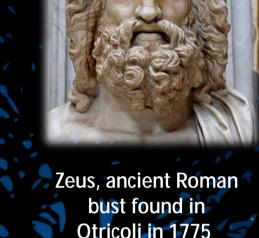
Many artists have painted beautiful Andromeda

Chained to a rock ... tormented without clothes

To the Greeks ...

The Olympian Pantheon

WHO controls the mighty forces? Olympian Neurotics



Seeing beautiful Andromeda tormented Hah ... that roused the anger of Poseidon Poseidon to the Greeks ... Neptune to Romans Poseidon, god of seas ... brother of Zeus Sent a serpent to ravage the coasts of the Aethiopians Punishment for hurting beautiful Andromeda Perseus, Hero god, fresh from killing Medusa ... Perseus rescues Andromeda ... MARRIES her Despite the fact she was already married to her uncle!

Andrea Doria as

Neptune, c. 1540,

by Angelo Bronzino

Greeks & every tribe READ the sky Heavens DECLARING

Psalm 19:7-11 Seen in His Word – Law ... Perfect

The ATHEIST says by CHANCE!

Really, all the atheist does is REFUSE God's Heaven Declaring

Along came Darwin ... we sank below the ancients

From Greece to Mighty Rome ...

In Egypt for many millennia ... 1,000s of years

From Babylon to Philistia ... so many "gods"

Strangest of all, weirdest of all—19th Century birthed

Birthed a NEW GOD: "Chance" - "ELOHIM DICE"

Thanks to Darwin, the stupidest god of all, "El Chance'

No feeling or neuroses in "El Chance!" Old Earth whimpers, cries as the

author of On the Origin of Species,1859

Charles Darwin, c. 1854

Heavens DECLARE

Psalm 19:7-11 Seen in His Word – Law ... Perfect

What? ... WHAT is DECLARED day-to-night ... all over Old Earth

We see ... but it is God's revelation of HIMSELF ...

No mind has TRULY conceived ...

No heart has TRULY grasped the day-to-night declaring!

So then, dear people, HEAR this most strongly

Heavens declare ... the GLORY of GOD ... that IS the message

The BEST of God's revelation is in Christ

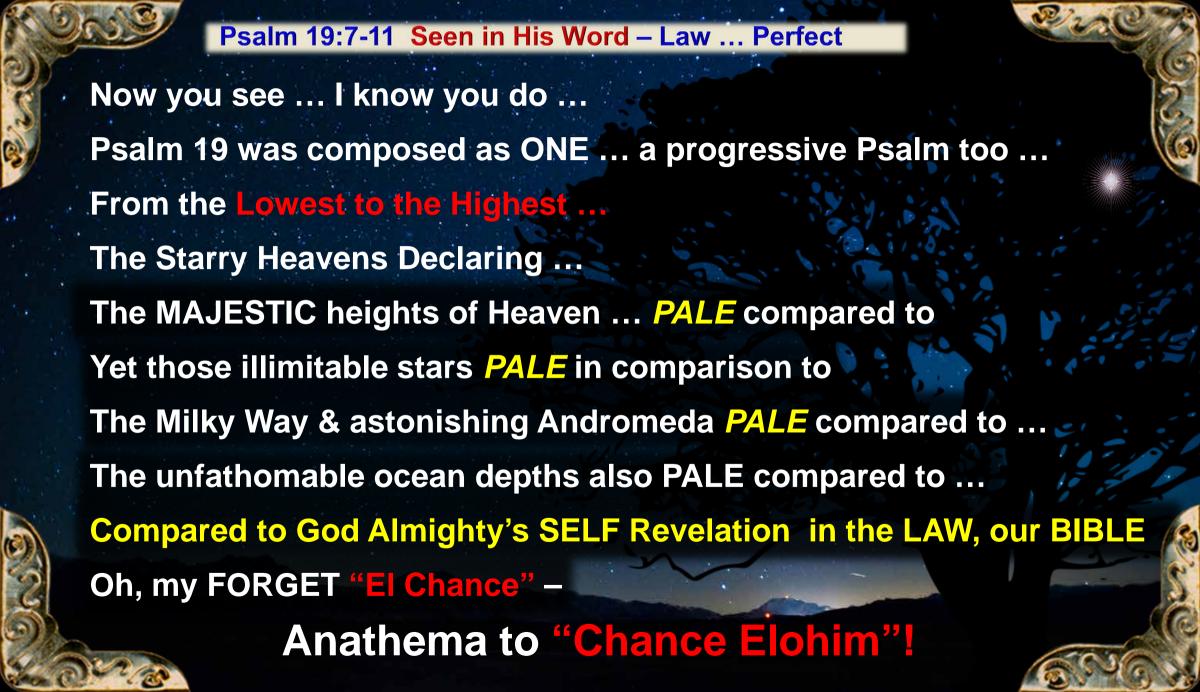
The BEST of God's GLORY is still yet to COME

In the clouds ... in the sky ... from HEAVEN

And to HEAVEN

we shall go ... all seen FROM God's WORD







To say Psalm 19's genius is from the Lowest to the Highest ...

Seems like a contradiction ... when the

Sweet Psalmist of Israel, King David, STARTS with the HEAVENS

How ... say you ... can the Starry Host be the LOWEST?

Glad you asked ... easy once "Chance Elohim" is disposed of

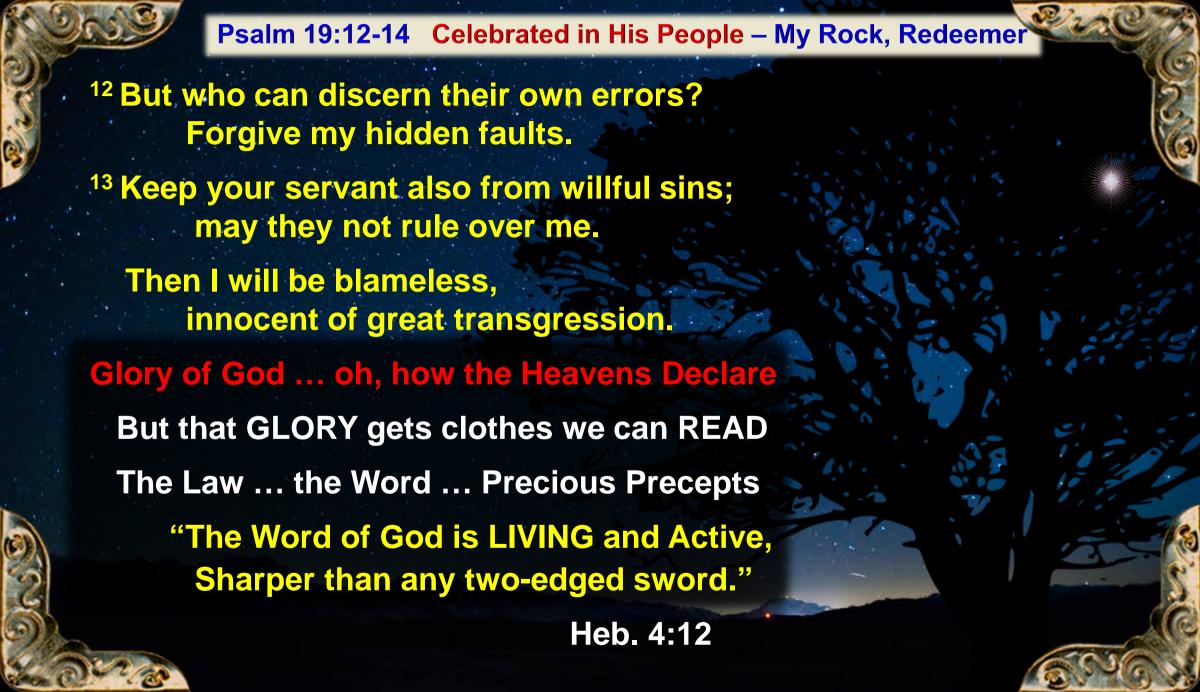
For as the ... listen closely ... for as Day-to-Night the

Heavens Declare the Glory of God ... world over in every language

God Word is telling us ALL about that Glory ...

But ... be warned ...

for this next part is a little rough



Oh ... why is it that ANYONE would be drawn Why would anyone see the First Partition as grander? Why would any see the STARRY HOST above God's Word You and I KNOW why? ... cause it is easier! I love the SHOW ... a good movie ... ENTERTAIN me. Let me step out on my back porch and LOOK UP ... Heavens Declare the Glory of God ... love it, love it Yet, to see what's DECLARED ... the full measure of GRACE ... I must ... I must sit down and ...

Open the Book

Therein ... in God's Word ... I cannot but be HONEST ...

"discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" Heb. 4:12

If you will, later tonight, review that second Partition ...

Therein, you will see King David is called the

Sweet Psalmist of Israel

Read again, meditate upon Psalm 19:7-14 ... then you will YES you will ... see why is David in 1 Sam. 13:14 said,

"LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart"
You'll see why that's remembered 1,000 years later in Acts 13:22,

God testified of David: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

Therein ... if you look closely at Psalm 19:7-14 You'll see the HEIGHTS of a devoted heart ... You will see someone who struggles NOT with opening HIS Bible You will see someone who LEANS hard on the Word of God You will see David in LOVE with the Words of God ... ⁷ The law of the LORD perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart, You're beginning to see now You and I ... have we LOVED have we **LOVED** our Bible *THAT* much?

Yet, that is not even HALF ... or even 100th of the story David LOVED God's word ... yet: What was David's Bible? David only had the Torah & a few Prophets On the other hand, we have the FULLEST revelation of all ... David's Bible = Torah first 5 bks — Genesis-Ex-Lev-Num-Deuteronomy Imagine inspiration from legal code of Leviticus ... Rather, imagine the LAWLESSNESS surrounding Israel without GOD For David – the "Law" & "Prophets" were GOD'S GUIDANCE David would NOT kill Saul ... God's anointed Prophets & Priests spoke God's WORD later written down Eli, Samuel, Nathan ... David became a JUDGE too a source for God's Word

Psalm 19:7-14 show how much David LOVED God's LAW & WORDs Listen closely ... how much David LOVED of the LITTLE he had Few of us have LOVED God's Word as much as DAVID

Yet—we have the FULLEST revelation of all ...

1000 B.C., David sang, the Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Yet, we have four Gospels ... Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Philippians

We have Colossians 1:15-17:

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God....

16 For in him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible....

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



Best saved for LAST in David's stupendous LOVE for God's Word

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving JOY to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving LIGHT to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is pure, ENDURING forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm, all of them are RIGHTEOUS

Pray tell: has ANYONE, anywhere LOVED his/her Bible MORE?

¹⁰ They are more precious than *GOLD*, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than *HONEY*, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

Then to the pristine Heights of Revelation Word became Flesh We saw Him ... He walked & talked w us ... healed blind beggars The Heavens DECLARE the Glory of God ... indeed

Yet God's Word reveals CHRIST ... His 1st & 2nd Coming

One Psalm ... song ... leading to one conclusion, v. 14

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my HEART be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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