

## **“God’s Two Books”**

Psalm 19:1-14

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

**Introduction:** Tonight, I want to talk to you about God’s two books, but first I want to revisit last Wednesday night. Last Wednesday night, we thought about the importance of memorizing Scripture.

1. Memorizing Scripture fills your mind with “God thoughts.”
2. Memorizing Scripture makes the Bible portable.
3. When you need a “God thought” you will have one.

I mentioned last Wednesday night John Morgan’s book titled 100 Bible Verses. The first 44 pages is worth the price of the book. In the back of the book, there are some good tips on how to memorize Bible verses. There are 204 pages giving 100 Bible verses to memorize and with each verse some good commentary material.

**Tonight:** I want us to think about “God’s Two Books.”

- You may say, “God only has one book—the Bible.
- No, God has two books.
- One of God’s two books is the sky (19:1-6).
- One of God’s books is the Scriptures (19:7-14)

**Text:** Psalm 19:1-14

- We are not sure when David wrote this Psalm. Perhaps as a shepherd boy, or when he was a fugitive fleeing from Saul, or perhaps when a king walking on his roof at night.

In Psalm 19: 7-8, there are four synonyms for God’s Word.

1. “law” (19:7)
2. “testimony” (19:7)
3. “statutes” (19:8)
4. “commandment” (19:8)

Each of these synonyms tells us what God’s Word does in our lives.

1. God’s Word challenges us (19:7).

2. God's Word cheers us (19:8). A depressed, dejected, dispirited believer is a poor recommendation for the Christian faith.
3. God's Word changes us (19:9-10).
  - God's Word has a cleansing effect (19:9).
  - God's Word has a consecrating effect (19:10).

**Application:** God's Word changes our desires. The person who once craved "gold" will crave God.

**T.S.** God's Word:

1. Challenges us (19:7)
2. Cheers us (19:8)
3. Changes us (19:9-10)
4. And God's Word corrects us (19:11)

**Application:** This is the reason why it is important not only to read God's Word, but to memorize God's Word.

**Illustration:** Psalm, 119:18 and 119:105

**Conclusion:** Psalm 19 concludes with two things we need to do and can do.

1. Add David's prayer at the end of the Psalm to our daily prayers (19:12-14).
2. Meditate on God's Word.
  - The word meditate is a verb.
  - The word "meditate" literally means "ponder by talking to yourself."
  - In the Bible, meditate is often equivalent to the word "study."
  - Carefully consider what the Scripture means and how it applies to your life.

**This Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book.**