

Revelations of God

Psalm 19

- I. Review:
 - A. The creation demonstrates God's power and glory, but lots of people have misunderstood these divine messages, worshipping the creation rather than the Creator
 - B. God's written Word is thus necessary to clarify what we can know about God
 1. God's Law teaches us what is right and wrong
 2. Obedience to God brings us joy
 3. God's Word is always true, regardless of competing truth claims
 - C. God's Word confronts us with our sinfulness
 - D. God's living Word, Jesus Christ, is the only One Who can redeem sinners like us

- II. Go further – read II Timothy 3:1-4:8
 - A. In verses 1-5, how does Paul describe people in the “last days?” How does he tell Timothy to relate to people like this?
 - B. In verses 10-11, how does Paul describe his own life and ministry?
 - C. What general statement does Paul make about Christians in verse 12? How has this been true in your own life?
 - D. In verses 13-15, how does Paul counsel Timothy to avoid deception?
 - E. In verse 16, the word “inspired” means “breathed out.” Since Scripture is breathed out by God, in what four ways does Paul say it is profitable for us?
 - F. Given what he has just said about the Scriptures, what does Paul counsel Timothy to do in 4:2 and 5?
 - G. And why does Paul say in 4:3 and 4 that Timothy's actions will be necessary?
 - H. What example does Paul set for Timothy in verses 6 and 7?

- III. Apply
 - A. How does the contrast Paul makes between himself and the wicked in 3:1-11 inform us about our expectations for life and what our purpose for living should be?
 - B. Paul told Timothy that the Scriptures would be very valuable in standing firm against deception and wickedness. How can we put Paul's advice into practice if we are not preachers or teachers as he describes in 4:2 and 4:5? In other words, what can those who are not preachers learn from this passage?