

## PRAYING PSALM 19

“Keep me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins... (Psalm 19:12-13).

David’s prayer does not come until the end of the psalm. The first part has to do with God’s revelation of Himself. 1. GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN CREATION (1-6). The heavens reveal His glory. Even the atmosphere we breath is evidence of God’s craftsmanship. Creation speaks without a word, but the message goes throughout the earth. Night and day speak testify to a Divine architect. The sun was placed in the heavens specifically for planet earth and its inhabitants. 2. GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN THE WORD. God’s Word is a perfect law, a sure testimony, statutes that are right, commandments that are pure and reverent, judgments that are true and righteous. The words of God were given to warn us when we disobey them and reward us when we keep them. 3. GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN OUR HEARTS (14). David prayed for the meditations of his heart to be consistent to the truth within him (Romans 2:2-3).

The revelations of God led David to pray (12-14). These requests may be ours if we desire. 1. “Cleanse me from secret faults.” Our sins are internal before they are external, and unconscious before they are conscious. Ask God to make you conscious of unconscious motives. 2. “Keep your servant from presumptuous sins.” We are never more than what our thoughts allow us to be, and we are presumptuous to think of ourselves otherwise (Luke 17:10). “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight O Lord...” If you have trouble controlling your words, check out your meditations. Bring you secret meditations to the surface in prayer, and let God evaluate them.