

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

ACCEPTABLE IN THY SIGHT

PSALMS 19

Text: Psalms 19:14

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¹⁴ *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

Introduction:

So much of the attention we give to life places the emphasis on the external.

The public life, the life that others see, is often well-ordered while death is occurring on the inside.

The inner man is the private world where God desires to do His greatest work.

The nineteenth Psalm is all about placing the emphasis on the inner man.

This Psalm begins with the glory of the heavens and concludes with the human heart.

Let's consider the application of the Psalm. If our lives are going to be acceptable in His sight there are certain things necessary.

Note:

1. OUR TIME

Many of us think sometimes that we don't have time to keep our meditation acceptable to God.

We think we have more important things to do.

We neglect spending time in God's Word, and it shows up in our lives.

It is especially obvious in our wrong reactions to our circumstances.

Note:

Psalm 19:7-9

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

If the meditation of our heart is going to be acceptable to God, we must have time with God.

How many of us have disciplined ourselves to take time with God, and afterward said, “Dear Lord, why didn’t realize this is time well spent?”

If our lives are going to be acceptable to God we are going to have to spend time with God and meditating upon His Word.

Note not only must we spend time with God but not also:

2. LIVE ACCORDING TO TRUTH

God’s Word is truth.

The Bible is more than a sermon book; its God revelation of Himself.

The Bible should be read.

The Bible should be searched.

Scripture should be compared with scripture.

The Bible should be memorized.

Psalm 119:11

¹¹ *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

If our lives are going to be acceptable we must love the truth and live our lives according to the truth.

Not only must we spend time with God and must live our lives according to truth but not lastly:

3. OUR THOUGHT LIFE MUST BE RIGHT

If our lives are going to be acceptable to God we must give attention to our thoughts.

Note 2 Corinthians 10:

2 Corinthians 10:5

⁵ *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Our heart is the very seat of our thought life.

The Lord desires us to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Our wicked hearts are the way they are because our thought life is not what it ought to be.

The Bible says in Philippians 2:

Philippians 2:5

⁵ *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

God gives us a list of things to think on.

Philippians 4:8

⁸ *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

Note: Colossians 2:8

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⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

This verse teaches us that we are spoiled , or robbed, by thinking about things we should not be thinking about.

The world can rob us just by getting us to think about wrong things.

If our lives are going to be acceptable to the Lord then we must give attention to our thought life.

Close:

Are we acceptable to the Lord?