Daily Reminder

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When do you give someone a lot of reminders? Sometimes it might be because we don't have a lot of confidence a particular person will remember what we told them. Hopefully it is not always the case! Most of the time we give someone a lot of reminders when there is an important truth we want them to remember.

Do you know that God gives each of us a daily reminder? He points that out to us in Psalm 19 where he says,

The heavens tell about the glory of God. The expanse of the sky proclaims the work of his hands. Day after day they pour out speech. Night after night they display knowledge. They do not speak. They say no words. Their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, and their word reaches the end of the world. Psalm 19:1-4 EHV

God says there is a clear message when you look at the heavens and at all creation. God is glorious! God has created wondrous things! And this is not something God tells us only once. This reminder is there day after day. Night after night knowledge of a creator is displayed. Everyone can see this silent proclamation of God's creation. Its voice goes out into all the earth, to the ends of the world. Day by day all people can see a sermon of God's glory in creation.

The psalm goes on to give a specific example of this, the sun in the sky, which "sets out from one end of the heavens. It runs until it reaches the other end. There is nowhere to hide from its heat."

But as wondrous as the daily reminder of creation is, it is only meant to call us to listen to an even greater message of who the Lord is. This is why David moves from this daily reminder to the wondrous nature of God's Word. It is perfect and revives us. It is trustworthy and makes us wise. It is radiant and gives light to our eyes. Ultimately this message



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of God makes us wise for salvation because it shows us how God forgives our sins and our hidden faults.

What blessing is ours when the daily, visible reminder of God's glory leads us to turn our attention to where the God who created the universe in its vast array reveals himself as the one who redeems us from all our sins! Then we will be reminded through his Word that we are blameless and innocent of transgression, for God makes us new creations in Christ.

We Pray:

Lord you are glorious! Your glory is on display every day and every night in the world you made. Your "eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen since the creation of the world" (Romans 1:20, EHV). Thank you for these daily reminders of your glory. Lead us to also daily hear, read, and contemplate the much greater revelation found in your Word, the Bible, where you reveal your amazing love for us, and the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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