



Can you hear me now?

Discerning the Voice of God | Lessons from the 19th Psalm

“The Place of the Law in Your Life”

Psalm 19:7-13

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

1) The Law of God reveals the character of God.

2) The Law of God exposes our moral failures.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” — Isaiah 6:5

On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” — Matthew 9:12-13

3) The Law of God points us to the Savior.

So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. — Galatians 3:24

When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law. — Galatians 4:4

Adam	Abel
Abraham	Isaac
Joseph	Job
Samson	David
Esther	

4) The Law of God shows us how we may please God by his grace.

This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome. — I John 5:3

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. — Galatians 5:22-23

For further information on this topic, see Edmond Clowney, [The Unfolding Mystery, Discovering Christ in the Old Testament](#). Also, on the subject of moral law and general revelation, see Tim Keller, [The Reason for God](#).