

# Understand your Bible

## Suggested notes

### Psalm 19

#### Background to the chapter

This is one of the many Psalms written by king David, one of the early kings of the nation of Israel.

#### What we will see in this chapter:

- What we learn about God by looking at the universe
- Why we should take notice of the message from God

### 1 Read the chapter

### 2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 6	<p>1. How do the heavens and the expanse speak to us and what is the message?</p> <p><i>Text note: Some Bible versions have "firmament" instead of "expanse".</i></p>	<p>The heavens and expanse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ show God's glory and power</li> <li>➤ are an evidence of a great deal of knowledge</li> <li>➤ can be seen worldwide</li> </ul> <p>They tell us of a wise, powerful, great Creator.</p>
7 to 14	<p>2.1. What are the different terms used for the way God speaks to us?</p> <p><i>Text note: A precept or statute is a rule or guideline.</i></p> <p><i>"righteous" means "morally right".</i></p>	<p>God speaks to us by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ law</li> <li>➤ testimony</li> <li>➤ * precepts</li> <li>➤ commandment</li> <li>➤ ** ordinances</li> </ul> <p><i>* some versions have statutes. ** some versions have judgements.</i></p>
	<p>2.2. What are the results of listening to and obeying God?</p>	<p>Listening to and obeying God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ restores the soul</li> <li>➤ makes the simple wise</li> <li>➤ rejoices the heart</li> <li>➤ enlightens the eyes</li> <li>➤ gives warnings</li> <li>➤ offers great reward</li> </ul>

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### 3 Related theme: *Obedience*.

Have a look at these related verses and see the benefits of listening to God and trying to do what he says. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Exodus 19 v 3 to 6	The Israelites are promised that they will be precious to God if they obey Him.
Deuteronomy 11 v 26 to 28	God spells out to the Israelites the consequences of obeying or disobeying.
Isaiah 66 v 2	God looks favourably on those who respect and obey his word.
Luke 6 v 47 and 48	Those who obey Jesus are like a house with solid foundations.
Luke 8 v 21	Jesus regards those who obey God as his family.
Acts 4 v 19, 5 v 29	The apostle Peter on two occasions is clear whom to obey when there is a conflict between obeying God or men.