

**God's living word**  
**5. The Bible and necessity – why do we need it?**

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**Introduction**

- how does God speak?

**God speaks through his world (v1-6)**

- the evidence of creation
  
- we are without excuse (Rom. 1v20)

**God speaks through his Word (v7-11)**

- it is true
  
- it is necessary
  
- it is valuable

**Our response (v12-14)**

- exposes our need
  
- points to the solution

**Conclusion**

**Psalm 19 (NIV)**

*For the director of music. A psalm of David*

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- <sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard.
- <sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- <sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is hidden from its heat.
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.
- <sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring for ever.  
The ordinances of the LORD are sure  
and altogether righteous.
- <sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the comb.
- <sup>11</sup> By them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.  
Then will I be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.
- <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the  
meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.