

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v2: Abundant “pour forth” – very expressive v4/6: Universal – “to the ends of the world”, “nothing is deprived of its warmth.
2.	<p>Can any human beings claim to be ignorant of God?</p> <p>Acts 14:17</p> <p>17. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: he has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.’</p> <p>Acts 17:22-24</p> <p>22. Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: ‘People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.</p> <p>23. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.</p> <p>24. ‘The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.</p> <p>Romans 1:18-20</p> <p>18. The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,</p> <p>19. since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.</p> <p>20. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.</p> <p>This answers one of the fundamental questions that people ask in courses like “Christianity explained”.</p>

<u>Special Revelation</u>	
<p>Within the concept of this psalm, this means revelation to the Israelites by means of Torah “the law”.</p> <p>Now, this means revelation to all believers by means of the whole Bible.</p>	
3.	<p>What is revealed through the Torah that isn’t revealed through creation?</p> <p>God’s character and how he wants us to respond to him.</p>
4.	<p>Why is the law perfect? (v7)</p>

	Because it's an expression of God's nature
5.	It is called the fear of the Lord (v9) what is that meant to inspire? Fear in this context should be understood as respect and an acceptance of all that the law requires, so should inspire humble and reverent service of God.
6.	What are some of the Law's benefits? (vv7/8) Reviving the soul (7) Making wise the simple (7) Giving light (8) Giving joy (8)

Personal Revelation

This is the application section of the psalmist's study. He shows how he should respond to the general and special revelations. It is in the form of a prayer.

7.	How does the psalmist see himself? (v11) God's servant.
8.	What does he mean by hidden faults? (v12) Where people err without realizing it, or where they are hidden from other people. There are no faults hidden from God. Why does the psalmist pray for them to be forgiven? (v12) He has enough self-awareness for example that he might do the right thing for the wrong motive.
9.	What are wilful sins? Deliberately doing things that we know are wrong (or not doing something we know we ought to do). How do wilful sins come to "rule over us"? (v13) Habitual sin can become addictive behaviour with a de sensitized conscience.
10.	What is the connection between "words of my mouth" and "the meditation of my heart"? (v14) We express our inner thoughts and attitudes through our outward expression. Why is it vital that BOTH are acceptable in our lord's sight? (14) Because we are a combination of our inner thoughts and our outward expression, how we behave.

Psalm 19

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
- 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.
- 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.
- 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

- 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
- 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.