



Message Notes  
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Week 2  
The Detour of God's Silence

When traumatic things happen in life we often cry out to God, expecting Him to intervene or at least bring relief. But instead of comforting reassurance we can get silence. And as the deafening silence continues from above, the pain intensifies below. Many allow the perceived silence to rob them of their joy and some have allowed their faith to die.

Yet my prayer this morning as we study this Psalm, is that we will become aware or be reminded that God's ways are not our ways and that despite our feelings God is there for us and has been all the time.

**I. THE PROBLEM: God's Silence**

- A. God is not angry if you wonder about His ways.
- B. You are not alone if you have ever questioned God's presence or involvement.

**II. THE REMEDY:**

- A. Admit the \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - 1. God is God and \_\_\_\_\_ not!
  - 2. Isaiah 55:8-9a
- B. Listen and Look for God \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. God speaks to us through:
    - a. His \_\_\_\_\_ Psa. 19:1-6
    - b. Direct \_\_\_\_\_ Psa. 19:7-11
    - c.. Our own \_\_\_\_\_ Psa. 19: 12-14
  - 2. Make the commitment of Job 13:15

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

**PSALM 19**

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. <sup>2</sup> Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. <sup>3</sup> They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. <sup>4</sup> Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun.

<sup>5</sup> It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. <sup>6</sup> The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup> The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. <sup>9</sup> Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair. <sup>10</sup> They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. <sup>11</sup> They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them. <sup>12</sup> How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.