

Our Passage

Psalm 19:1-6

Psalm 19:1 (NIV) 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 display knowledge.

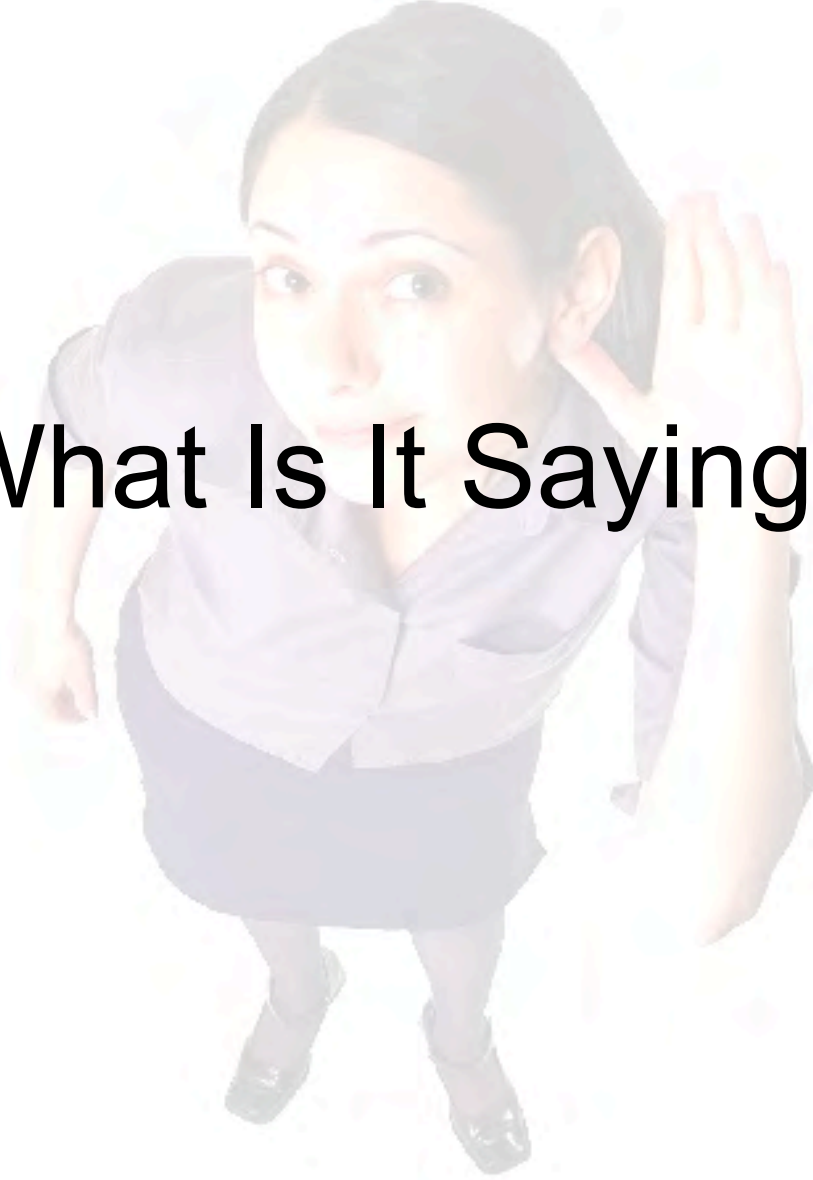
3 There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.

4 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,
5 which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his
pavilion,
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 hidden from its heat.

What Is It Saying?



Who Is Acting?

- Heavens (declaring)
- Skies/Expanse (proclaiming)
- Day (pouring forth speech)
- Night (displaying knowledge)
- Sun
 - Coming forth, rising
 - Running
 - Circling

What Are They Telling?

- God's glory
 - His importance
 - His nature
- His handiwork
 - Learn about craftman's skill via his work
- Knowledge
 - About God

Who Is Being Told?

- Every day, every night
- Throughout the earth
- To the ends of the world
- From one end of heaven to another
- Nothing hidden
- So, the message is available to everyone.

How Are They Telling?

- Are they speaking?
 - No.
 - One translation has it:
They have no speech, there are no words;
no sound is heard from them
- Illustration: signaling with light
 - Boy Scouts w/ flashlights, mirrors
 - Navy (before radio) w/ signal lamps



How do they tell us about God's existence?

- Our passage doesn't say.
- Some suggestions:
 - Regularity of movements → order
 - Complexity of movements → wisdom
 - So a wise Creator (known in ancient times).
 - Running down of universe → beginning
 - So an Starter (a more recent argument).

Conclusions

- God is using the sky to tell us something about:
 - His glory
 - His handiwork
- It is very easy to live as though God doesn't exist, but it is foolish.
 - Illustration: the farmer's plane ride
 - What holds the farmer up?



