

# DAY TWO

## HIGHLIGHT

Today we will focus on how to highlight Scripture. If you recall, the acronym HEAR stands for Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond. Each of these four steps contributes to creating an atmosphere to hear God speak.

Let's start with Psalm 19:1-14. An example is given for the first 11 verses; you get to try it out for the last few verses (v. 12-14).

Before reading the text, pause to sincerely ask God to speak to you. It may seem cliché, but it's so very wise to first ask God to help us understand His Word correctly. Perhaps start with the simple prayer that David prayed in Psalm 119:18: "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law (Word)."

*<sup>12</sup> Who perceives his unintentional sins?*

*Cleanse me from my hidden faults.*

*<sup>13</sup> Moreover, keep your servant from willful sins;  
do not let them rule me.*

*Then I will be blameless  
and cleansed from blatant rebellion.*

*<sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.*

*- Psalm 19:12-14*

The exercise of highlighting will remind you to read with a purpose. As you read, one or two verses will often stand out to you. You can highlight these verses under the letter "H" by writing down the following:

The name of the book: Psalm

The passage of Scripture: 19:1-11

The chapter and verse numbers that especially speak to you and why

A title to describe the passage

For example, given my current experiences, Psalm 19:1 and 8 captured my attention. Psalm 19:1 gives me hope because it declares that creation speaks to the existence of God. I need this hope for my unsaved family and friends. As I fumble through life, it is comforting to know creation can attest to God's faithfulness despite my less than perfect example.

Psalm 19:8 confirms that God's laws are right and pure, resulting in joy for my heart and light for my eyes. Since I tend to allow my current trials in life to steal my joy and light, I am encouraged to keep engaging with the Bible. I trust that His words will tilt my eyes and heart towards Him and away from these consuming trials.

I decided to title these two passages as follows, based on what I highlighted: God Speaks through Creation (v. 1-6); God's Words are Effective (v. 7-11).

This practice will make it easier to find the passage when you want to revisit it in the future.

## **YOUR TURN TO HIGHLIGHT**

Now it is your turn to highlight Scripture. Pray and read Psalm 19:12-14. What is the Lord highlighting for you? What stands out? Turn to page 19 and beside the "H" answer the questions from today's lesson.