

To all members of the St James Traditional Services

A Weekly Word of Encouragement: God is speaking, are you listening?

Psalm 19 – read it reflectively.

God is speaking – without a word! Look around you!

The night sky, aglow with stars, the beautiful sunrise, the glorious sunset – we look and marvel: the glory of God, a work of art in Nature, not to be missed; speaking without words: God is real and God is powerful. But be careful! Nature can send a mixed message: it can both reveal and obscure God in this world marred by sin.

God is speaking – in words: His Word, the Bible

This written Word (law, precepts, statutes, decrees) is true and trustworthy, enlightening the spiritually blind, exposing our deepest sin, leading to forgiveness, and refreshment of soul. It is more precious than worldly treasure because, for those who take it seriously, it leads us to the One who is speaking: the Lord, the Rock, the Redeemer. That One is Jesus, the Word made flesh, and knowing Him brings joy, refreshment and sweetness – both now and for eternity.

Ask Jesus to enable you, by His Holy Spirit, to meet Him in His written Word.

Prayer:

Lord, your creation speaks and sings to me of Your presence and power, and I see Your glory reflected in the beauty and variety of Your handiwork. Thank You that You have not left me guessing about Yourself but have spoken clearly to me in the Bible. May that Word continue to be sweet and life-giving to me, and may I continue to encounter You as I read and respond. Amen.

Remember:

- keep praying daily
- keep reading God's Word
- keep in touch with one another, and know that I am only a phone call away:
0438 455 493.

With Christian love,

Robert

PS If you have been receiving the weekly word of encouragement by post, but are able to access it another way (eg by email, or online, or from a family member or friend), please do let the office know, so that we can optimise costs where we can at this challenging time.