



## GOD OF WONDER, GOD OF WORSHIP "Worship and Devotions" Psalm 19

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In addition to recognizing the significance of congregational worship on the Lord's Day, it is important for believers to develop the practice of personal daily devotions.

### I. The Place of Daily Devotions.

- A. Starting the day with the right attitude—"I will awaken the dawn." Psalm 108:1-5
  - 1. Gratitude for the past.
  - 2. Confidence for the future.
- B. Living the day with an expectant spirit—"I wait in expectation." Psalm 5:2-3
  - 1. You have dedicated it.
  - 2. He will direct it.
- C. Ending the day with a sober assessment—"I will lie down in peace." Psalm 4:8
  - 1. Tidy your spiritual desk.
  - 2. Take out your spiritual garbage.

### II. The Practice of Daily Devotions.

- A. The development of spontaneous devotion.
  - 1. Recognizing God in created things. Romans 1:19-21
    - a. "Look at the birds." Matthew 6:26
    - b. "See how the lilies grow." Matthew 6:28
  - 2. Rejoicing in the Lord in common things.
- B. The discipline of structured devotions.
  - 1. The place of discipline in discipleship.
    - a. Acknowledging the need to "lift up my eyes."
    - b. Balancing the pressures of a demanding lifestyle.
    - c. Countering the world, the flesh and the devil.
    - d. Desiring the conscious enjoyment of the Lord's presence.
  - 2. The need for structure in devotional life.
    - a. Developing a sense of devotion.
    - b. Developing a system of devotions.
      - i. Time.      ii. Place.      iii. Method.      iv. Tools.
    - c. Developing skills in devotional activity.
      - i. Read.      ii. Reflect.      iii. Relate.      iv. Record.      v. Review.

**Point to Ponder:** Do I know how to "turn up the quiet" in a brash, busy, and bruising world?