

## THE PUZZLE

A dear friend gave our family a puzzle the other day. Puzzles, a wonderful invention, are like a journey of discovery. They present a beautiful image intricately divided into smaller pieces that fit together uniquely. At first, it may seem like a jumbled mess, but as you separate the pieces by color or theme, assemble the border, and gradually find matches and connections, the image starts to reveal itself. The joy of this process, akin to a treasure hunt, is unparalleled, and when the puzzle is finally complete, it's a masterpiece to behold.

### Hebrews 1

*1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

The Word of God paints a beautiful picture for us. It shows us who God is and why he deserves our utmost praise and honor. In addition, it reveals a story of his righteousness and steadfast love that he has bestowed upon his children. However, we do not receive it in one singular assembled story. Instead, it is arranged in a beautiful array of brushstrokes: history, poetry, and prophecy. By his hand, he has used different writers to communicate his story in pieces that, at first glance, may not seem like they are connected. But, when we focus on a piece, move it around, and see its similarity to other pieces, we find that it locks together perfectly to disclose God's truth and beauty.

### Psalm 19

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*The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;*

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*the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;*

However, the picture God has painted will not come together in our mind's eye if we never seek the bigger picture. The pieces will not assemble in our minds if we don't engage them. We will not continue and endure when things get hard if we don't long to gaze upon his masterpiece.

Are you in God's word daily? Are you working with the pieces to see the bigger picture? Do you long to see more of God's goodness?

Keep at it!

Shalom,  
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