

PSALM 15-20

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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This week, we read Psalm 15-20. Psalm 15 gives us direction about how we can live with devotion to God. God doesn't give us direction so that we must live perfect lives, but so that we can stand firm. Standing firm in God and His love for us looks like having faith when times are hard, and not looking to anyone else for hope other than God. In Psalm 16, David wrote that every good thing he has come from God. How true is that! When our lives are surrendered to God and we follow Him, don't receive just a couple of blessings here and there, our entire lives are changed! Psalm 16 points to our safety, our guidance, our inheritance, our joy. **Inheritance** is when you receive something after its original owner has passed away, usually within a family. For Christians, we are God's family, and because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, our inheritance is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Psalm 18 reminds us that God is our rock, He is our fortress, and He is our savior. It might be confusing to hear God described as a rock. Rocks are dull, boring, lifeless. God isn't any of those things, so why did David describe Him this way? We are missing the illustration if we think of a small rock (like a pebble); instead, think of the side of a large mountain. Does that mountain move when you push it with all of your strength? And does that mountain break when storms come? When you stand on top of the mountain does it crumble away? No! God is immovable, unbreakable, and dependable. David says that God is his place of safety, his shield from enemies, and his strength. Psalm 18 teaches us that God's character and His power is not only His, but also a gift to us! God freely promises us that He will protect us and be our place of safety, all we have to do is have a relationship with Him.

Psalm 19 says "the heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his **craftsmanship**. Craftsmanship is the quality of work that is done by hand. Every morning at sunrise and every night at sunset, the beauty that fills the sky isn't accidental, it is God's hand painted masterpiece! Although our world is broken by sin, God is still able to create beauty around us, and within us. When we let God's instruction fill our hearts, we are transformed! Both our words and our hearts are pleasing to God when we ask Him to be our Redeemer! There is nothing our God cannot do!

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● God is our Rock and our Redeemer!
KEY STORIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Our Inheritance is Heaven● God's Love and Power are Unfailing● God is Our Rock and Our Safety● The Skies are God's Craftsmanship● God's Instructions are Good and Fair
KEY VERSES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Psalm 16:5<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ "Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine."● Psalm 18:2<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety."● Psalm 19:1<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ "The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship."
WORDS TO KNOW:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Inheritance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ When you receive something after its original owner has passed away, usually within a family● Craftsmanship<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The quality of work that is done by hand

Reflection Questions

1.	As Christians, what is our inheritance?
2.	What does it mean to say God is your Rock?
3.	Where are some beautiful places where you have seen the craftsmanship of God?