

## ***The Heavens Declare the Glory of God!***

Psalm 19 is a marvelous passage, partially because it declares that at which we marvel – the heavens! From the beginning of time man has gazed in wonder at the heavens and all they contain – sun, moon, planets, stars, the auroras, lightening, clouds – and now again, the Perseid Meteor Shower!

God's word mentions several constellations, such as Arcturus, Orion, the Pleiades. Indeed, as man gazes into space we are dumbstruck at the beauty, the vastness and the sheer majesty of what we see. God planned it that way, hence Psalm 19:1 – not merely a description of an existence, but a declaration of God's glory to man's eyes!

This weekend we are treated to a magnificent display of God's handiwork as earth, once again, passes through the tail of the Swift-Tuttle comet in what we call the Perseid Meteor Shower (named for the constellation from which they appear to emanate). As we do, small bits of left over comet debris impact our atmosphere and we see "shooting stars" at the rate of up to 70 per hour (yes, one per minute or more).

In the second week of each August, God's creation rains down these bits of comet "dust," some as small as grains of sand, others must larger. Some are but a small blip on the retina, others light the land like a full moon!

For the next two nights (and more) lie still, look up, let God declare to your eyes His glory. Perhaps read the passages below with the family, then gaze upon His wondrous creation and praise the Creator! Yes, the heavens declare the glory of God!

-Ray

Constellation verses: Job 9:9; 38:31, 32; Amos 5:8

P.S. Tonight, as we do each year, Sandy and I will be in a remote location in our lawn chairs looking up! Wow - just Wow!