Main Thought God has REVEALED himself to us in CREATION, SCRIPTURE, and in our HEARTS.

"I take this to be the greatest poem in the Psalms and one of the greatest lyrics in the world."  

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INTRODUCTION – This is a psalm of NATURE (Psa. 8; 29; 65; 104). Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) was filled with awe by "the starry heaven above me and the moral law within me." In many church lectionaries it is read on Christmas day when the "Sun of Righteousness" came into the world (Mal 4:2) and the "Living Word" was laid in the manger (John 1:14).

GENERAL REVELATION – CREATION (1-6).
• God’s glory is declared everywhere to all in every language all the time through the work of his hands in the heavens and skies.
• The stars and planets do not determine the future (Isa. 47:13; Jer. 10:2) nor are they to be worshiped (Deut. 4:19; Rom. 1:25).
• Creation is God’s wordless book that all can understand rendering all WITHOUT EXCUSE (Rom. 1:20).
• In the NT this GENERAL REVELATION in nature precedes SPECIAL REVELATION in Christ (Rom. 10:16-18; Heb. 1:1-2).
• Jesus Christ, the LIVING WORD OF GOD (John 1:1, 14), is the greatest revelation of God (John 14:9). Now he has left us with the WRITTEN WORD OF GOD (John 20:31; 21:25). Only SPECIAL REVELATION through Jesus Christ can save you (2 Tim. 3:15).
• The sun is the supreme metaphor for the glory of God (84:11; Isa. 60:19-20).

SPECIAL REVELATION – SCRIPTURE (7-11).
• God SPOKE and the world came to be (33:9). David now extols the written word of God with six attributes.
  – The LAW of the Lord: perfect, reviving (convert, restore – Psa. 23:3).
  – The STATUTES of the Lord enlighten the simple (119:98-100; Prov. 1:4).
  – The COMMANDMENTS of the Lord are for strangers on the earth (119:19).
  – The FEAR of the Lord (name of God – Gen. 31:42) endures (Isa. 40:8).
  – The ORDINANCES of the Lord are pure gold and sweeter than honey.
• Righteous living has its own reward (Col. 3:23-24).

INWARD REVELATION – REDEEMER (12-14).
• GENERAL and SPECIAL revelation reveal my sinfulness (Rom. 3:20; 7:7, 14-25).
• Pray and act against BESETTING sins (Rom. 13:14). These are willful sins that entangle us (Heb. 12:1). They are overcome by making no provision for the flesh (Rom. 13:14; Heb. 12:12-13) and (2) meditating on your Redeemer who forgives your sin and saves your soul.