## I. This Weather Reminds Us of God's Creative Glory.

### A. General revelation is intended to help us understand the presence and power of God.

### - Psalm 19:1 - The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

### B. God in His grace makes this revelation available to everyone.

- Psalm 19:2-3 - Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

### C. Remember that the Creator is the One whose birth we just celebrated.

John 1:1-5 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Colossians 1:16-17 - For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

### D. God's wrath is reserved for those who suppress this truth.

- Romans 1:18-25 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

- I think a snowstorm is a good time to quote from the Belgic Confession of Faith, don't you?.. this is from article 2, on how we know God…

- We know Him [God] by two means: First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe; which is before our eyes as a most elegant book, wherein all creatures, great and small, are as so many characters leading us to see clearly the invisible things of God, even his everlasting power and divinity, as the apostle Paul says in [Romans 1:20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Romans%201.20). All which things are sufficient to convince men and leave them without excuse. Second, He makes Himself more clearly and fully known to us by His holy and divine Word, that is to say, as far as is necessary for us to know in this life, to His glory and our salvation.

## II. We Need Special Revelation (God's Word and God's Son) to Help Us Interpret and Respond to the Challenges of Creation.

### A. The nature of the Word of God.

- how does David describe it in this Psalm 19?

1. Perfect - v. 7

2. Sure - v.7

3. Right - v. 8

4. Pure - v. 8

5. Clean - v. 9

6. True - v. 9

### B. The effect of the Word of God.

1. Revives the soul - v. 7

2. making wise the simple - v. 7

3. rejoicing the heart - v. 8

4. enlightens the eyes - v. 8

5. enduring forever - v. 9

6. righteous altogether - v. 9

### C. The value of the Word of God

- Psalm 19:10-11 - They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

## III. This Weather, Viewed Through the Lens of Scripture, Can Lead Us to Repentance.

- Psalm 19:12-14 - Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

### A. The importance of learning contentment.

- Philippians 4:11-13 - Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

### B. The importance of trusting in God's plan, not ours.

- Proverbs 3:5-6 - rust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

- Proverbs 16:9 - he mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

### C. The importance of guarding our thoughts and words.

Psalm 19:14 - Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.