

Psalm 19

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

A. The words of the heavens: ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours out speech and night to night reveals knowledge. ³*They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.* ⁴*Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.* (NIV)

B. The faithful servant over the heavens: In them he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

C. God's instructions: seven statements

1. ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
2. the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
3. ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
4. the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
5. ⁹the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
6. the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
7. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

B.¹ The flawed servant over the earth: ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

a. ¹²Who can discern his errors? *Forgive my hidden faults.*

b. ¹³*Keep your servant also from willful sins; (NIV)* let them not have dominion over me!

a. Then I shall be blameless,

b. and innocent of great transgression.

A.¹ The words of humanity: ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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