

## Lesson 9 / Psalm 19

### New International Version

#### Psalms 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.  
3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.  
4 Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,  
5 which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.  
6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.  
7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.  
8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.  
9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.  
10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.  
11 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.  
13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.  
14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

### New Living Translation

#### Psalms 19

1 The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship.  
2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known.  
3 They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies;  
4 yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world. The sun lives in the heavens where God placed it.  
5 It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.  
6 The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat.  
7 ¶ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.  
8 The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight to life.  
9 Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair.  
10 They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb.  
11 They are a warning to those who hear them; there is great reward for those who obey them.  
12 How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults.  
13 Keep me from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin.  
14 May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer..

## Amplified Bible

### Psalms 19

**1** THE HEAVENS declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows *and* proclaims His handiwork.

**2** Day after day pours forth speech, and night after night shows forth knowledge.

**3** There is no speech nor spoken word [from the stars]; their voice is not heard.

**4** Yet their voice [in evidence] goes out through all the earth, their sayings to the end of the world. Of the heavens has God made a tent for the sun,

**5** Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; and it rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

**6** Its going forth is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the ends of it; and nothing [yes, no one] is hidden from the heat of it.

**7** The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

**8** The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure *and* bright, enlightening the eyes.

**9** The [reverent] fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10** More to be desired are they than gold, even than much fine gold; they are sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb.

**11** Moreover, by them is Your servant warned (reminded, illuminated, and instructed); and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12** Who can discern his lapses *and* errors? Clear me from hidden [and unconscious] faults.

**13** Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then shall I be blameless, and I shall be innocent *and* clear of great transgression.

**14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my [firm, impenetrable] Rock and my Redeemer.

## The Message

### Psalms 19 A DAVID PSALM

**1** God's glory is on tour in the skies, God-craft on exhibit across the horizon.

**2** Madame Day holds classes every morning, Professor Night lectures each evening.

**3** Their words aren't heard, their voices aren't recorded,

**4** But their silence fills the earth: unspoken truth is spoken everywhere. God makes a huge dome for the sun—a superdome!

**5** The morning sun's a new husband leaping from his honeymoon bed, the daybreaking sun an athlete racing to the tape.

**6** That's how God's Word vaults across the skies from sunrise to sunset, Melting ice, scorching deserts, warming hearts to faith.

**7** The revelation of GOD is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of GOD are clear and point out the right road.

**8** The life-maps of GOD are right, showing the way to joy. The directions of GOD are plain and easy on the eyes.

**9** GOD'S reputation is twenty-four-carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee. The decisions of GOD are accurate down to the nth degree.

**10** God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond set between emeralds. You'll like it better than strawberries in spring, better than red, ripe strawberries.

**11** There's more: God's Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure.

**12** Otherwise how will we find our way? Or know when we play the fool?

**13** Clean the slate, God, so we can start the day fresh! Keep me from stupid sins, from thinking I can take over your work; Then I can start this day sun-washed, scrubbed clean of the grime of sin.

**14** These are the words in my mouth; these are what I chew on and pray. Accept them when I place them on the morning altar, O God, my Altar-Rock, God, Priest-of-My-Altar.