

PSALM 19

Theme: Both God's creation and his word reveal his greatness.

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For the choir director: A psalm of David

- 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;^o
- 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.