

Psalm 19

*For the maestro:
a psalm of David
to sing and strum*

The heav'ns declare the glory of the LORD:
The sky shows forth the works His hands have done:
Day after day they pour forth spoken words,
Night after night they show His knowledge forth!

There is no language spoken on the earth
In which their voice cannot be clearly heard:
Through all the earth their line has travelled out:
Their words have gone to the ends of the world!

There He has pitched a tent around the sun,
Which like a bridegroom comes out of his room,
And like an athlete runs his race with joy:
From one end of the heaven it goes forth!

Its circuit goes up to the other end:
Nothing is hidden from its mighty heat.
[The sun displays the glory of the One
Who formed and placed it in the sky above.]

The law of GOD is a most perfect law,
Converting souls [to walk as He has planned.]
The teaching of the LORD is certain sure:
It makes the simple person to be wise!

The precepts of the LORD are good and right:
They make the heart of people to rejoice:
The law of GOD is pure, to give delight,
Enlightening the eyes of those who see!

The fear of GOD is pure and will endure:
The judgments of the LORD are true and fair:
They are more precious than the finest gold
And sweeter far than honey from the comb!

Your servant also is well warned by them:
In keeping them he reaps a great reward,
For who can understand his own mistakes?
Acquit me, LORD, I pray, from hidden faults.

LORD, keep Your servant too from wilful sins,
And do not let such sins rule over me,
For then I will be blameless in Your sight
And innocent of great transgressions too.

So let the words that I speak with my mouth,
And let the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, LORD, I pray today:
You are my Rock and my Redeemer too!

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