

Psalm 19

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

To the leader, a Psalm of David

1. the heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his
handiwork.
2. day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares
knowledge.
3. there is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
4. yet their voice goes out through all the
earth,
and their words to the end of the
world.
in the heavens he has set a tent for the
sun.
5. which comes out like a bridegroom
from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course
with joy,
6. its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit is to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heart.
7. the law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
The decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

8. the precepts of the LORD are right,
 rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is clear,
 enlightening the eyes;
9. the fear of the LORD is pure,
 enduring forever
The ordinances of the LORD are true
 and righteous altogether
10. more to be desired are they than gold,
 even much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey,
 and drippings of the honeycomb.
11. moreover by them is your servant
 warned;
In keeping them there is great reward.
12. but who can detect their errors?
 Clear me from hidden faults
13. keep back your servant also from the
 insolent
Do let let them have dominion over
 me.
Then I shall be blameless,
 and innocent of great transgression.
14. let the words of my mouth and the
 meditation of my heart.
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Note for Preachers:

One of the most prominent psalms setting forth the excellence of the universal Torah, the Good News, God's freely given direction in how to live in harmony with God's purpose for all creation. In receiving this treasure, there is also the concomitant danger of mishandling the treasure and therefore being judged among the insolent.