

## "Awesome Mystery"

### Journey to Easter-Tuesday, March 2 Psalm 19 Song of David NIV (Day 14)

*Yet their voice[b] goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.*

*In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.  
It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course*

*It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.*

*The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.*

*The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.*

*The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.*

*The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever.*

*The decrees of the LORD are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.*

*They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;*

*they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.*

*By them your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.*

*But who can discern their own errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.*

*Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.*

*Then I will be blameless,*

*innocent of great transgression.*

*May these words of my mouth and this meditation of  
my heart*

*be pleasing in your sight,  
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

### Discussion

God's wisdom surrounds us—from the skies above to the earth beneath our feet. As day and night turn into each other, the very passing of time conveys truth without words or voice. Nothing can hide from the shining and heat of the sun.

Resonating with this wisdom in creation, God's law and commandments explicitly teach us how to dwell in the sanity God would have for us.

Enlightening us, they call us to return to our true selves. Sweeter than honey and more to be desired than gold, they transform our childish reactions into judicious responses. Their wholesome lucidity grounds our ephemeral lives in what remains for eternity.

As we meditate on God's wisdom in creation and law, we find ourselves grounded in truth. We can acknowledge the shame we would rather hide. And we can stand up to those who would dominate us and keep us from clarity.

### Today's Prayer

*Permeate our lives with your wisdom, O  
God. Ground us in the clarity of your truth  
and just ways. Amen.*

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