

A Kingdom Prayer of God's Glory in Creation and Law

Psalm 19 New International Version (NIV)

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

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 reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice 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.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, 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 deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing 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 decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will 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.

What do you see when you look into the sky? The glory of God, or what sky? Have you ever ridden in a car with a child who is just beginning to experience the beauty of the sky, trees, animals, etc., and she has to tell you about every one of them? It's sad that before long, we tend

to overlook the beauty and glory that God fashioned all around us. We forfeit the beauty before our eyes, and often replace it with worthless thoughts and worry.

This Psalm reminds us that the glory of God shows forth magnificently in the daytime and nighttime sky. It provides evidence of God to all people, just as the sun warms all people. It also reminds us of the beauty and perfection of God's law, and how obedience makes us wise, keeps us safe, and prevents us from committing "great transgressions".

Pray that God will help you to focus on what God says is important, and to intentionally enjoy the glory of God in all that he has done, is doing, and will do in the future. God is glorified in our enjoyment of Him.

My wonderful, powerful, gracious and loving Father. All of creation displays your glory, majesty and power. I pray that you will grant me the grace to always admire the wisdom and power and glory in all that you do. Keep me ever mindful that all good things come from you, and allow me to enjoy you through them, and to be ever thankful for your sovereignty and steadfast love.

Make me see the beauty of your statutes and the benefits I receive by obeying them. They put my feet on level ground, and provide light so that I may not stumble and fall. Obeying you provides a peace and comfort the wicked never experience. Show me my hidden sin, and forgive them I pray. Protect me from committing willful sins, and keep me from great transgressions.

Allow me by your grace, to glorify you in all I say, think and do, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.