

## Psalm 19 (NIV)

**For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
<sup>2</sup>Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup>They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.  
<sup>6</sup>It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.  
<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.  
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.  
<sup>8</sup>The precepts of the Lord are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the Lord are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.  
<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever.  
The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.  
<sup>10</sup>They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup>By them your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>But who can discern their own errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup>Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.  
Then I will be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup>May these words of my mouth and this meditation  
of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

## Psalm 19 (ESVUK)

**To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.  
<sup>4</sup>Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his  
chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is clean,  
enduring for ever;  
the rules of the Lord are true,  
and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous  
sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of  
my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

## Psalm 19 Questions

1. Compare and contrast the ways God has made himself known in v1-6 then v7-10.  
How is the distinction between v1-6 and v7-10 reflected in the different tone and feel of each section?
2. What is the response of God's servant, King David, to the law of the LORD, v11-14?
3. Think of a time when God, by His Spirit through His word, has warned you of sin, corrected otherwise hidden error, or guarded against willful sin. If appropriate, share with the group to encourage each other of the ways God's word keeps us in the way of life.

## Prayer Points

### Prayer points from Psalm 19

Praise God for His revelation in creation.

Thank God for the opportunity to personally meet Him in His word.

Pray we'd value scripture more than fine gold & sweet drippings of honey from the comb.

Pray that through the Bible, the Holy Spirit would warn us, guard us, and keep us in the way of life.

### Give thanks for:

The good weather we're enjoying

Provision of enough food for most people

Our community unity at a time of crisis

Our government's welfare provision

The royal family, and our government and opposition

### Pray for this country:

Sick and suffering patients and their families with limited contact

Scientists working to discover a safe effective vaccination and tests for the virus

The protection of key workers and the provision & distribution of sufficient PPE

Families and single parents with children off school, needing teaching.

Households with limited internet access.

Protection of the nation and world from game-addiction and pornography-addiction.

For those confined to prison, hospital, and care homes in greater danger.

### Pray for the world:

The mental health of all the world with the dangers, worries and isolation this pandemic causes.

For the revitalisation of Gospel preaching Churches across the world.

For countries with very limited health care provision and government support for the unemployed.

For the world to realise God is in control, not us, and to turn to him at this time.

For countries where persecution adds to the suffering from the pandemic.

### Pray for one another:

For those you know who are most vulnerable and those in hospital

For opportunities to speak of the hope and peace we have in Christ to your own family, neighbours, and friends.

For those who are sick and bereaved around the Church family.

For those who are isolated, lonely, and fearful.