

## **Psalm 19 (NRSV Updated Edition)**

### **God's Glory in Creation and the Law**

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

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament<sup>[a]</sup> proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup>yet their voice<sup>[b]</sup> goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens<sup>[c]</sup> he has set a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
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 nothing is hid from its heat.

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;

the ordinances 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> But who can detect one's own errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;<sup>[d]</sup>  
do not let them 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 to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### **Matthew 13:16-20 (NRSV Updated Edition)**

#### **Peter's Declaration about Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter,<sup>[b]</sup> and on this rock<sup>[c]</sup> I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was<sup>[d]</sup> the Messiah.<sup>[e]</sup>