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Psalm 19 The Message (selected verses)

1-2 God's glory is on tour in the skies, God-craft on exhibit across the horizon.  
3-4 Their words aren't heard, their voices aren't recorded, But their silence fills the earth:

unspoken truth is spoken everywhere.

7-9 The revelation of GOD is whole and pulls our lives together.

The signposts of GOD are clear and point out the right road.

The life-maps of GOD are right, showing the way to joy.

The directions of GOD are plain and easy on the eyes.

GOD's reputation is twenty-four-carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee.

The decisions of GOD are accurate down to the nth degree.

10 God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond set between emeralds.

You'll like it better than strawberries in spring, better than red, ripe strawberries.

11-14 There's more: God's Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure.

Otherwise how will we find our way? Or know when we play the fool?

Clean the slate, God, so we can start the day fresh! Keep me from stupid sins, from thinking I can take over your work;

Then I can start this day sun-washed, scrubbed clean of the grime of sin.

These are the words in my mouth; these are what I chew on and pray.

Accept them when I place them on the morning altar,

O God, my Altar-Rock, God, Priest-of-My-Altar.

Dear Friends in Christ,

How blessed we are to have the word of God available to us for our direction and blessing. And it is available in so many forms! We can listen for God's good word as we look around us on all that he has created. We see the changing of the seasons and recognize his permanence. We approach the harvest season and give thanks for the provisions he has made available for our very lives, food, air, water clothing and every other good thing he has made. In the warmth of the sun we feel his love, and in the freshness of the breeze we are reminded of the moving of his Holy Spirit. We look on the uniqueness of our neighbour and we remember how he came to live as one of us.

We open Holy Scripture and we are taught of how much more perfect He was and is than we are in our sinful state and how he sacrificed his very being to purchase for us life in eternity.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God in all perfection, as you dwell within each of us, make us to be more in your image and show us how we may be better witnesses to your glory and grace. Amen.

(Rev.) John McGurrin