Psalm 19

"The Glory and Perfection of God's Word"

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For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

A1 THE GLORIOUS SPEECH OF NATURE: THE NATURAL WORD OF GOD 19:1-6

B1 Heavenly Speech (about God's Glory) 19:1

- C1 The heavens and Divine glory: The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
- C2 The sky and Divine craftsmanship: And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

B2 Eternal Speech 19:2

- C1 By day: Day to day pours forth speech,
- C2 By night: And night to night reveals knowledge.

B3 Silent Speech 19:3

- C1 There is no speech, nor are there words;
- C2 Their voice is not heard.

B4 Universal Speech 19:4a

- C1 Their line has gone out through all the earth,
- C2 And their utterances to the end of the world.

Example of Speech: The Sun: In them He has placed a tent for the sun, 19:4b-

- C1 Its exuberance and strength 19:5
 - D1 Its exuberance: Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;
 - D2 Its strength: It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

C2 Its world-wide message 19:6

- D1 Its rising in the east: Its rising is from one end of the heavens,
- D2 Its setting in the west: And its circuit to the other end of them;
- D3 Its utter pervasiveness: And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

A2 THE PERFECT, RIGHTEOUS, REVIVING SPEECH OF THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD 19:7-11

- **B1** Perfect Speech (affecting man's soul): The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; 19:7a
- **B2** Sure Speech (affecting man's mind): The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 19:7b
- **B3** Righteous Speech (affecting man's heart): The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; 19:8a
- **B4 Brilliant Speech** (affecting man's sight): The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. **19:8b**
- B5 Clean and Eternal Speech (affecting man's spirit): The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; 19:9a

B6 True and Righteous Speech 19:9b

- C1 The judgments of the LORD are true;
- C2 they are righteous altogether.

B7 Desirable Speech 19:10

- C1 More desirable than gold: They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
- C2 Sweeter than honey: Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

B8 Valuable Speech 19:11

- C1 Warning: Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;
- C2 Rewarding: In keeping them there is great reward.

A3 A PRAYER OF RESPONSE 19:12-14

B1 For Preservation from Evil 19:12-13

- C1 Forgiveness 19:12
 - D1 Who can discern *his* errors?
 - D2 Acquit me of hidden faults.

- C2 Preservation 19:13
 - D1 Plea: Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous *sins*; Let them not rule over me;
 - D2 Promise: Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.

B2 For Divine Acceptance of Worship 19:14

- C1 Words: Let the words of my mouth
- C2 Meditation: and the meditation of my heart
- C3 Acceptance: Be acceptable in Your sight,
- C4 Trust: O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

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