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— *30 Days of Worship* —

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READ

Psalm 19

*¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

*² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

*³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.*

*⁴ 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,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.*

*⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,*

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and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

*⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;*

*¹⁰ More to be desired are they than
gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.*

*¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant
warned;
in keeping them there is great
reward.*

REFLECT

When is the last time you stepped out and gazed into the starry sky, or took the time to actually watch a sunrise or sunset from start to finish? If at all possible, make it happen today. Allow the vastness

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and the beauty of the skies to facilitate your worship of the One who created them. Take a walk outside under the brilliance of the skies and observe the expanse that God set between earth and the heavens.

RESPOND

Today's worship may take a little planning ahead. You may want to stop at a bakery or plan to bake something today in preparation. (As you continue to read, you'll find out why).

Whenever you have a chance to walk outside in nature, speak to God of your need for security. Confess any ways that heavenly gods have deceived you into believing that you can make yourself secure through other means.

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Worship God for the order that he has placed in the universe, and applaud him, as he is the one who keeps everything functioning. Maybe you can find a place to do some feet-stomping and cheering as you enjoy his painting of the sunset or sunrise, or study his placement of the stars.

When you go back inside, allow yourself to indulge in a sweet treat...something that you find really delectable. Really taste it and enjoy its goodness. While you are enjoying it, read all of Psalm 19 in its entirety, and tell God that even though you thoroughly enjoyed that donut, cake or other dessert, his word is *sweeter still*.

When you are tempted to follow any worship of the heavenly beings to bring you security, take a stand and say it again: As tempting as that may be, God's

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truth is sweeter still. In keeping his commands, we can look forward to even richer rewards than anything this earth has to offer.

