Psalm 19:1-14

God’s Creation

1 A psalm of David.

The heavens keep telling about the glory of God.
   And, the skies announce what His hands have made.
2 They declare the story day after day.
   They display knowledge night after night.
3 There is neither speech nor words.
   Their sound is not heard.
4 Nevertheless, their message reaches the whole world.
   It goes everywhere on earth.
   The sky is like a home for the sun.
5 The sun comes out like a happy groom from his bedroom.
   It rejoices like an athlete eager to run a race.
6 The sun rises from one end of the sky, and it follows its path to the other end.
   Nothing can hide from its heat.
7 Yahweh’s teachings are perfect.
   They restore the soul.
   Yahweh’s commands can be trusted.
   They make common persons wise.
8 Yahweh’s principles are right.
   They make people happy.
   Yahweh’s commands are radiant.
   They light up the way.
9 It is pure to revere Yahweh.
   That deep respect will last forever.
   Yahweh’s judgments are true.
   They are completely right.
10 They are worth more than gold,
   even lots of the purest gold.
   They are sweeter than honey,
   even the finest honey.
11 They also tell me what to do.
   Keeping them brings great reward.

12 No one can see all of his own mistakes.
Forgive me when I sin without knowing it.
13 Keep me from the deliberate sins that I want to do.
  Don’t let them rule over me.
Then I can be flawless,
  and I will be innocent of open rebellion.

14 I hope my words and thoughts please You, O Yahweh,
  You who are my Rock, the One who redeems me.