

## **BIBLE READING: September 29, 2024**

### **Living Bible Translation**

#### **Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup> 19 The heavens are telling the glory of God; they are a marvelous display of his craftsmanship. <sup>2</sup> Day and night they keep on telling about God.

<sup>3-4</sup> Without a sound or word, silent in the skies, their message reaches out to all the world. The sun lives in the heavens where God placed it

<sup>5</sup> and moves out across the skies as radiant as a bridegroom going to his wedding, or as joyous as an athlete looking forward to a race!

<sup>6</sup> The sun crosses the heavens from end to end, and nothing can hide from its heat.

<sup>7-8</sup> God's laws are perfect. They protect us, make us wise, and give us joy and light.

<sup>9</sup> God's laws are pure, eternal, just.

<sup>10</sup> They are more desirable than gold. They are sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> For they warn us away from harm and give success to those who obey them.

<sup>12</sup> But how can I ever know what sins are lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> And keep me from deliberate wrongs; help me to stop doing them. Only then can I be free of guilt and innocent of some great crime.

<sup>14</sup> May my spoken words and unspoken thoughts be pleasing even to you, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer.

#### **Mark 9:38-42; 50**

<sup>38</sup> One of his disciples, John, told him one day, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to cast out demons; but we told him not to, for he isn't one of our group."

<sup>39</sup> "Don't forbid him!" Jesus said. "For no one doing miracles in my name will quickly turn against me.

<sup>40</sup> Anyone who isn't against us is for us.

<sup>41</sup> If anyone so much as gives you a cup of water because you are Christ's—I say this solemnly—he won't lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup> But if someone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to lose faith—it would be better for that man if a huge millstone were tied around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

<sup>50</sup> "Good salt is worthless if it loses its saltiness; it can't season anything. So don't lose your flavor! Live in peace with each other."