



Songs of Summer Psalm 19

We all have a song or two that when we hear it takes us back to those summer vibes. The lyrics and the melody take us back to the beach, the pool, the sunset, our friends, some of our best summer memories. Those songs have a special place in our memories. But there are also songs in Scripture that should take us back and remind us of who God is and what God has done. The Psalms are chocked full of songs of summer to listen to. This summer let's go back and listen to some of Scripture's best songs of summer.

The Lord's instructions are inherently good for us as people. We should entirely submit ourselves to God's authority and instructions.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

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,
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;
- 8 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.
- 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.
- 12 Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

- How does Psalm 19 say God reveals himself to us?
- What does it mean that creation praises God voicelessly? When was the last time that you felt like nature was praising God's glory?
- In the sermon, Josh talked about how God has revealed Himself to us through creation and through His word. What distractions tend to keep you from connecting with God through one or both of these methods?
- Read Psalm 19:10. What does it mean that the instructions of God are more desirable than these luxuries? What is your version of "fine gold" and "drippings of the honeycomb"?
- Which of David's descriptions about the commands of God resonates with you the most? Which is the most challenging?
- How do rules, boundaries, and values help us grow closer to God and each other? Why do we typically see law as a barrier to relationships? What does David seem to understand about law based on the descriptions he uses in verses 7-9?
- Do you find yourself overly comparing biblical instructions to our modern law system or our social setting? Do you tend towards one of these over the other?
- What does the life of someone who delights in God's instructions look like? It may be helpful to think back to Psalm 1 and Psalm 23.
- What are the different types of sin David speaks about in Verses 12-13?
- Why does David pray for God's help in keeping from sin? What should that reveal about our own lives and mentalities about holiness and sin?
- Why does David call God his "Rock and redeemer" to end Psalm 19?