



To the conductor. A Psalm of David.

1-2

The heavens declare the glory of God, and His handiwork is proclaimed by the firmament. ² Day to day pours out **speech**, and night to night reveals knowledge.

3-4a

There is no **speech**, nor are there words, their voice is heard without it. ⁴ Throughout the earth goes forth their line, and to the end of the world their words.

4b-6

In their midst He has set up a tent for the sun, ⁵ which emerges like a bridegroom leaving his *chuppah*, and it rejoices like a powerful warrior to run its course. ⁶ The end of the heavens is its source, and its circuit is to the other end, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

7-9

The **Torah** of Adonai is perfect,
restoring the soul.

תורה
(*Torah*)

The **testimony** of Adonai is sure,
making wise the simple.

עדות
(*edut*)

⁸ The **precepts** of Adonai are **right**,
rejoicing the heart.

פקודי
(*pekudei*)

The **commandment** of Adonai is pure,
enlightening the eyes.

מצוה
(*mitzvah*)

⁹ The **fear** of Adonai is pure,
enduring forever.

יראת
(*yirat*)

The **judgments** of Adonai are true,
and altogether righteous.

משפטים
(*mishpatim*)

10-11

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.

12-13

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.

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Let the **words of my mouth** and the **meditation of my heart** be acceptable in Your sight, O Adonai, my Rock and my Redeemer.

REFERENCES:

Verse 3

John 4:23-24 “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Verse 7

1 Kings 10:18-19 The king also made a great ivory throne and overlaid it with the finest gold. The throne had six steps, and the throne had a round top, and on each side of the seat were armrests and two lions standing beside the armrests.

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus says Adonai: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”

Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

Verse 8

Psalms 18:28 For it is You who light my lamp; Adonai my God lightens my darkness.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment (מצוה, *mitzvah*) is a lamp and the Torah a light...

Verse 9

Psalms 18:22 For all his judgments (משפטים, *mishpatim*) were before me, and his statutes (חקת, *chukot*) I did not put away from me.

Psalms 119:16 I will delight in Your statutes (חקת, *chukot*); I will not forget Your word.

Deuteronomy 10:12 “And now, Israel, what does Adonai your God require of you, but to fear Adonai your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul...”

Verses 10-11

Matthew 6:19-23 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”