



The Voice of Creation

Psalm 19



DAVID

Psalm 19(NIV)

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.





In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

**⁷The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul. The statutes
of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

**⁸The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are
radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

**⁹The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever. The decrees of
the Lord are firm, and all of them
are righteous.**



¹⁰They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.





**¹⁴May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be
pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
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Recognizing God



The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” **1 Sam. 17:37**



Knowing God

Then you will call on me and come and
pray to me, and I will listen to you. You
will seek me and find me when you seek
me with all your heart. I will be found by
you,” declares the Lord,
Jer. 29:12-14a

Come near to God and he will come near
to you. Wash your hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts, you double-
minded.
James 4:8

All Judah rejoiced about the oath
because they had sworn it
wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly,
and he was found by them. So, the Lord
gave them rest on every side.

2 Chronicles 15:15



Responding to God

¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

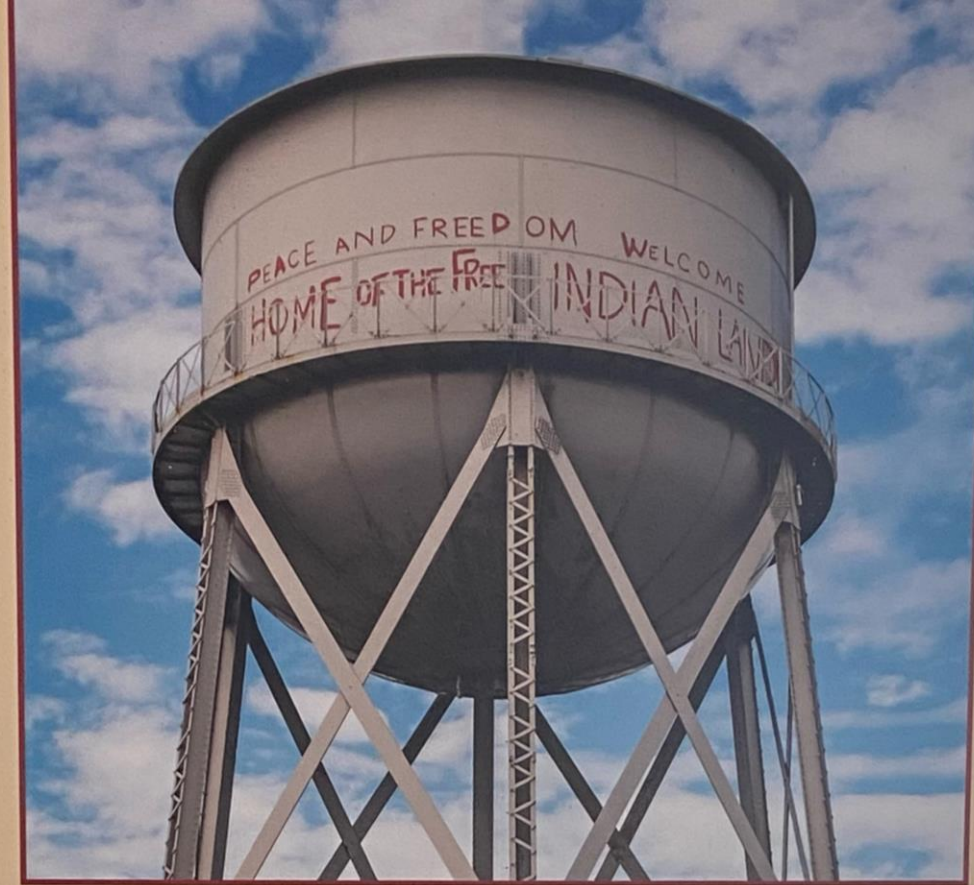
Romans 7:20-25



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Repainted Messaging from the Occupation on the Water tower on Alcatraz, 2018 | KIRKE WRENCH

COMMEMORATING THE OCCUPATION

The National Park Service recognizes the Occupation on Alcatraz in regularly offered programs and exhibits on the island. Each year hundreds of teachers and students learn about the occupation while reflecting on society's changing opinion of civil rights and freedom.

The first Indian of All Tribes Day took place in November 2016, beginning a new tradition. This reunion invites former occupiers, their families, and their friends to gather and tell their stories. Twice a year the Occupation is acknowledged by sunrise ceremonies on Indigenous Peoples' Day and on Thanksgiving Day. Native Americans return for these solemn and celebratory public events where sunrise prayers, dancing and drumming awaken the island.

The National Park Service also collaborates with former occupiers and their families to restore some of the historic messaging and political art from the occupation. The projects help build community and offer an opportunity for elders to teach younger generations (and NPS Rangers) about the historic event.

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