

# A Daily Dose of Good News

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- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;
- 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
- 5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
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 nothing is hid from its heat.
  
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances 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 But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them 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 to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

## **Day And Night All Over Again**

The Psalmist injects our good news today in three doses.  
First in verses 1-6 is the adoration of God  
For the beauty and wonder of creation.  
It's an adoration we can readily join  
On such a beautiful day as today  
Which serves, I trust, as a harbinger of spring.  
The clear starry, moon-filled and frosty night  
Giving way to the bright sun and blue sky  
The crisp air and thawing grass.  
Even a few daffodils breaking through the ground here and there.  
You friends tuning in from your more southern retreats  
Really don't know what you're missing!  
At least today anyway ....

And while we certainly do not experience  
Night and day in this same way all the time,  
The Psalmist also reminds of the wonder  
In God's creative persistence:  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night declares knowledge.

For 51 weeks straight now  
We have paid special attention to the speech and knowledge  
The Daily Dose of Good News that God offering to us  
Day to day and night to night  
Day to day and night to night  
Day to day and night to night  
Through the seasons  
With the travail of pandemic  
And challenges of civil unrest  
And births and graduations and weddings and funeral  
All taking place within very expected circumstances  
God has provides days for speech and nights for knowledge.

Verse 7-10 acclaim those particular words  
Which point the way to mercy and life and community  
According to God's law, precepts, commandments, ordinances

And verses 11-14 call forth the opportunity  
For those enthralled by God's creation  
And engaged by God's decrees  
To do what they can by telling and teaching  
The truth of that same blessing  
For everyone else in the world too.  
Day after night after day after night after day.  
Amen.